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1 Children's Education

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –10/01/07
Source: L
Description: Monticello teachers are meeting with a federal mediator tonight to negotiate salaries and possibly prevent a strike.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –10/02/07
Source: L
Description: Lakeland Community College in Mattoon has canceled classes tonight due to a power outage.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –10/02/07
Source: L
Description: Members of the Monticello Education Association and the Monticello School board reached a tentative agreement.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –10/02/07
Source: L
Description: Indiana State University has help to find a replacement for outgoing president Lloyd Benjamin the third. The school's board of trustees are negotiating a contract with R. William Funk and Associates a search consultant based in Dallas.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –10/04/07
Source: L
Description: Martinsville High School is leaving the little Illini Conference and now there are several schools from around the area waiting to take their place. Member schools of the Little Illini Conference as well s those seeking entry held a meeting in Oblong last night to weigh out the options for the future of this conference.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –10/11/07
Source: L
Description: A 15-member search committee has been named to help find a new president for Indiana State University. The committee includes Terre Haute Mayor Kevin Burke along school administrators, professors and the alumni association president.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –10/17/07
Source: L
Description: While the search is just beginning for a new Mayor of Mattoon the search for a new Charleston Schools superintendent is almost over. The school board recently board recently announced three finalists for the position.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –10/18/07
Source: L
Description: For months money caused the disagreement but tonight Monticello teachers and the district are agreeing on a pay raise. Last night, The Monticello's School board and teachers union approved a new three year contract.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –10/18/07
Source: L
Description: We move from the Monticello school district to five school districts in the area discussing the possibility of consolidating. Superintendents form Lovington, Cerro Gordo, Atwood-Hammond and Arthur met last night to discuss consolidation options because of declining enrollment and funding.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –10/25/07
Source: L
Description: Lake Land Division Chair Fuqua Thompson explains program offered through Lake Land College that will train firefighters in two years.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -10/31/07
Source: L

Description: One of five school districts in our area has decided to drop out of plans to consolidate. Lovington will not join other districts and it is the oldest operating school in the state.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -10/31/07
Source: L

Description: Associated Press analysis of statewide testing data shows an "achievement gap" between younger and older students in all 102 Illinois counties and its getting larger. A major teachers union and some administrators say high school tests sometimes ask questions about material students have not covered in class.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -10/31/07
Source: L

Description: School Reach program in Sullivan offers a rapid communication system that will help eliminate questions and concerns when it comes to a school crisis.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -11/05/07
Source: L

Description: Illinois lawmakers have approved millions of dollars in funding for Illinois schools. The measure has not yet been approved by Governor Rod Blagojevich .

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -11/05/07
Source: L

Description: Indiana State University President Lloyd Benjamin promises to help student upset by the discovery of a rope resembling a noose in a campus tree to push hate crimes legislation in the General Assembly next session.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -11/12/07
Source: L

Description: Illinois students are failing to show material on Illinois State Board of Education tests such as the past year's Prairie State Achievement Exam.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -11/12/07
Source: L

Description: Lake Land College in Mattoon is expanding their services for their students, a project that is going to cost nearly twelve million dollars. The improvements include the technology department, an agriculture lab, offices, multiple classrooms and a student lounge. It is expected to be finished in June 2009.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -11/13/07
Source: L

Description: Casey-Westfield schools are helping to inform parents within the school district of emergencies and school closures. The new system is called Alert Now, a rapid communication system that cost the district nearly 33 hundred dollars.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -11/14/07
Source: L

Description: Teutopolis school district is the recipient of a Bright Star Award. The Superintendent, Dan Neimerg explains parental involvement, high scores on the ISATs all help to make the award possible.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -11/014/07
Source: L

Description: The Charleston School Board is set to announce the district's new superintendent, as they have narrowed it down to three finalists. The new superintendent will begin July 1st.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -11/14/07
Source: L

Description: Lillyville grade school in Sigel has been the debate of closure, but administrators have decided to keep it open.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-11/15/07
Source: L
Description: Charleston school board has announced Jim Littleford to be the new superintendent of the Altamont School District.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-11/15/07
Source: L
Description: The University of Illinois trustees vote to spend seventy million dollars on a structure that will house what's being called the world's fastest computer.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-11/16/07
Source: L
Description: Mattoon Assistant Superintendent Tom Sherman says the district recently received surveillance cameras, monitors and video equipment to help keep a closer eye on students. The equipment came free of charge from the U.S. Marshal.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-11/16/07
Source: L
Description: Arcola Superintendent Reggie Clinton turned in a letter of resignation earlier this week to take a position as superintendent at the Illinois School for the Visually Impaired in Jacksonville, Illinois. His last day will be December 21st.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-11/20/07
Source: L
Description: Police say at least 50 underage students were found drinking at the property on Route 36 just outside of Tuscola, and eight were football players. The property was the abandoned CaDic building, an old night club.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-11/28/07
Source: L
Description: The Douglas County State's Attorney announces the punishments for nearly fifty underage students caught at a party near Tuscola.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-11/29/07
Source: L
Description: Paris police believe they have found the person who wrote a threatening note this week on a bathroom stall at Paris High School.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-11/30/07
Source: L
Description: Classes should be back to normal on Monday for an area community college...after a small mercury spill. Officials say clean up will be done soon and students can report to classes as normal starting Monday.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-12/04/07
Source: L
Description: Parents in the Shiloh School District have been notified that their children are now MORE protected while in class. That's because school officials installed a new security system that will either accept or reject a visitor or outsider who could potentially harm the students and staff in the building.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-12/04/07
Source: L
Description: A call to the Paris district superintendent...Connie Sutton and she says it has calmed down in Paris High School since the bomb threat and there's no longer extra police enforcement. She also told me they know who is responsible for the threat. Edgar County States Attorney...Mike Sullivan says the boy was summoned to appear in juvenile court.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-12/04/07
Source: L
Description: Last night...the Casey-Westfield school board accepted construction bids for the new addition to the district's high school.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -12/12/07
Source: L

Description: Starting next month, a new sticker on the back of the bus will let you keep an eye on both of them. This law is to ensure the safety of not only the students but to ensure that the drivers are doing their jobs in a safe manner. Every school district will be required to put a local phone number on each bus.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -12/12/07
Source: L

Description: The City of Mattoon is looking to better their bus system. This week the Mattoon School Board voted to begin the process of building a new transportation facility in place of the former Brown Shoe Factory building. Tom Sherman says demolishing the structure and rebuilding will cost nearly as much as restoring the 1920 era facility. Board members hope construction will start by May if everything goes as planned the project will finish in July 2009.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -12/13/07
Source: L

Description: Today Effingham County Superintendents and the State's Attorney met to explain some changes in Illinois Drinking laws. The biggest change has to do with the suspension of driving privileges. The laws will also affect the parents, parents who allow minors to drink at their home will be charged with a Class A misdemeanor and if any minor is hurt at the residence while drinking, felony charges could result.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -12/18/07
Source: L

Description: The move of a century old barn has been postponed. The Mumford barn at the University of Illinois was supposed to be moved to a new location this morning to allow room for planned expansion of a tennis center and softball field. However, the university was forced to set back the move because of concerns from the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency. The university says it hopes they can resolve any problems so the barn can be moved within the next thirty days.

2. Weather Issues

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -10/09/07
Source: L

Description: Continuing our local coverage tonight as we just mentioned Decatur needs water and at least one apple farmer Sullivan needs some cooler conditions. That is because many apple orchards in the area have lost half of their crop because of the rapid weather changes.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -10/10/07
Source: L

Description: Up until now, Windsor residents had to rely on television and radio alerts for incoming severe weather. But now, with the help of a state grant and a little push from city officials

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Source: L

Description: The city will test the siren on the first Tuesday morning of every month at ten. The siren is located behind city hall and is activated by either the sheriff's department or Windsor city police.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -10/19/07
Source: L

Description: Residents and officials are picking up after storms caused branches and power lines to fall down in Shelby County.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -11/06/07
Source: L

Description: Fire officials want to remind everyone to keep a screen around your fireplace to stop any rolling logs from falling out. Also, when officials say to clean out your fireplace that includes ashes and buildup and should be professionally cleaned.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-11/06/07
Source: L
Description: Firewood is quickly selling in East Central Illinois, most sales are up and many people are chopping their own wood to save money.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-11/12/07
Source: L
Description: Director of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Andrew Velasquez says Illinois residents should start putting together emergency kits for their home and cars with the approaching winter season.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-11/30/07
Source: L
Description: Members of the Eastern Illinois University physics department and Astronomy Club will lead the tours at the E-I-U Physics Observatory starting at eight.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-12/03/07
Source: L
Description: With more wintry weather possible this week...Champaign property owners are reminded of a new city ordinance. About a month ago...the city of Champaign adopted a snow removal ordinance for residents located within the university district and downtown Champaign.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-12/03/07
Source: L
Description: State officials say Illinois will NOT be bidding to host the Nation High School Rodeo finals...an event Springfield has hosted four times since 2000.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-12/07/07
Source: L
Description: Champaign Public Works director Dennis Schmidt has made it a requirement for the Downtown and Campustown areas to remove all snow and ice from sidewalks. Owners have until 6 am Monday morning to meet this requirement if they are not cleared it will be done at their expense.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-12/10/07
Source: L
Description: With temperatures dropping one school in Shelby County is having a hard time keeping warm. Last night, the Shelbyville Superintendent called off school today for the entire school district because the Main Street school's boilermaker had a malfunction leaving the school without any heat. Shelbyville School Superintendent Bob Verdun says that the malfunction is becoming a bigger problem than was first thought. Verdun says the official decision on whether the school will be in session tomorrow will be announced around 6pm tonight. Students will have to make up the missed day of school at the end of the year.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-12/11/07
Source: L
Description: After a couple of good weeks of rain fall, city officials in Decatur ended mandatory water restrictions. City officials say because of the recent rainfall, the lake level is six inches above the normal winter lake level. Although the restriction has been lifted city officials still encourage voluntary conservation of water.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-12/11/07
Source: L
Description: One local school district may need to close another day if their boilermaker doesn't get fixed. Shelbyville Superintendent Bob Verdun called off school for the entire district yesterday because of a boilermaker malfunction. Verdun says that they should know by six tonight if school will be canceled tomorrow.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-12/12/07
Source: L
Description: The heat is back on in Shelbyville. For the last couple of days classes have been cancelled in the district because the school didn't have heat. Superintendent Robert Verdun says maintenance crews started working on the problem Sunday and finally got the unit fixed last night. Any scheduled events that were cancelled the last couple of days will be rescheduled. The school days missed will be made up at the end of the year.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-12/14/07
Source: L

Description: With the snow about to fall tonight, it's pretty evident we're not in tornado season but in Edgar County they say it's never too late to be prepared for risky weather. After a monthly test members of the Emergency Services and Disaster Team noticed the county's emergency weather system might be acting up. Residents in Edgar County might be hearing some sirens going off at out ordinary times but it's all part of a plan to make sure the system is running safely and at this point ESDA says it is. Duane Fidler Edgar County ESDA Coordinator says that the testing should be done within the next couple of days.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-12/17/07
Source: L

Description: It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas and some Champaign business owners will be asking Santa for a new shovel. A new ordinance was passed after last year's winter storms requiring Champaign businesses in the downtown and campustown area to shovel their sidewalks. Several business owners said they had not heard of the new ordinance, but one manager said he thought the ordinance was a good idea and should be a business' responsibility to shovel its sidewalks.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-12/17/07
Source: L

Description: Illinois State Police were busy the last three days helping lots of stranded drivers. Between Saturday and today, Illinois State Police in Pesotum investigated 54 crashes and assisted another 100 drivers in ditches. Police say Scott's law requires drivers approaching an emergency vehicle, displaying warning lights make a lane change if it's safe to do so.

3. Farm Issues

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-11/01/07
Source: L

Description: Due to cold weather and a drought, hay production is at a stand-still. Farmers say cattle can't survive the winter without hay and will have to survive with having their meals rationed.

4. Minority Issues

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-10/04/07
Source: L

Description: Marchers will gather in Charleston tonight to take the night back from violence. Take Back the Night is a group of men and women who confront social issues such as rape, sexual violence, homophobia, and many other social ills.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-10/23/07
Source: L

Description: A vigil was held to remember all domestic violence victims. HOPE is a local domestic violence agency that helps and houses individuals who are victims of domestic violence.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-10/26/07
Source: L

Description: University of Illinois says they will allow homecoming parade floats to display Illiniwek images.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-11/16/07
Source: L

Description: Sullivan Army Corps of Engineers are clearing the way to fields for an annual event that caters to a special group of disabled hunters. This year marks the 18th anniversary of the event.

5. Economic Climate

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-10/01/07
Source: L

Description: Still no word on whether residents in Newton can expect to see a biodiesel plant coming to the City. Newton Mayor Mark Bolander says more money is needed before construction can start.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -10/04/07

Source: L

Description: Ameren officials are saying if some customers don't pay their light bills that they will begin to cut off service.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -10/08/07

Source: L

Description: A single winner receives 13-point-5 million from last night's drawing of the Illinois State Lottery's Lotto Game. The winning ticket was sold at a store in Champaign.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -10/09/07

Source: L

Description: Support is growing for Illinois bid for the cutting-edge, coal-powered plant known as FutureGen. Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell says his state is solidly behind Illinois in the Land of Lincoln's competition with competition with Texas for the plant.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -10/10/07

Source: L

Description: Danville will lose 315 jobs over the next eighteen months as Lennox International phases out operations at a plant there. Lennox's Heatcraft subsidiary told employees this week their work will be moved to plants in Georgia.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -10/17/07

Source: L

Description: The Hodgson Mill in Effingham got the approval from Effingham city council Tuesday night to add sixty thousand square feet to their already sixty-four thousand square foot facility. The expansion will bring in close to thirty-five new jobs and that's just in the first year.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -10/18/07

Source: L

Description: Pfizer Incorporated the world's largest pharmaceutical company is weighing the future of its Terre Haute plant. Pfizer says it's halted production of the diabetes drug Exubera because of disappointing sales numbers.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -10/19/07

Source: L

Description: After filling stomachs and shopping bags for nearly eleven years a local market will close up shop. The Old School Market in Sullivan serves the community as a restaurant, bakery, furniture store and a gift shop.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -10/22/07

Source: L

Description: Decatur now bellows to the Illinois Main Street Program which works to preserve historic buildings, spur economic development and bring visitors to downtown areas.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -10/24/07

Source: L

Description: Effingham City Council has selected a site for its new multi-million dollar sports center on the northeast side of town near Evergreen Hollow Park and the YMCA. The project is expected to be 12.9 million dollars.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -10/29/07

Source: L

Description: Coles Together Preside Angela Griffin says Mattoon is one of three finalists for the possible IF manufacturing plant that could bring as many as 125 jobs to the area. The name of the company is not being released.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -11/01/07

Source: L

Description: A video game developer plans to open a new testing center that will bring 120 new jobs to the area. Volition Incorporated is opening its new testing center in Champaign on Church Street Square.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –11/09/07
Source: L
Description: FutureGen officials are still considering sites in Mattoon and Tuscola to building an emission-free coal generating plant. They hope to reach a decision on the placement of the facility by December 17th.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –11/12/07
Source: L
Description: There is still a possibility of a biodiesel plant coming to East Central Illinois. It would be located outside of a town in the Newton Industrial Park.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –11/13/07
Source: L
Description: Wisconsin's Governor Jim Doyle has sent a letter backing Illinois' bid for the cutting edge plan known as FutureGen. Developers say the plant will minimize air pollution by storing emissions underground.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –11/15/07
Source: L
Description: Employees in Terre Haute at a packaging company may be losing their jobs due to declining sales. The entire North American division may soon see some employee changes.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –11/19/07
Source: L
Description: Ohio has joined the group of Midwest states in support of Illinois' bid to beat out Texas for the new coal powered plant FutureGen. Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Indiana and Kentucky are also backing Illinois.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –11/20/07
Source: L
Description: Officials say a proposed coal mine will generate millions of dollars for Christian County. According to the Executive Director of the Christian County Economic Development Corporation Mary Renner, the project will generate 100 million dollars and will employ about 200 people.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –11/20/07
Source: L
Description: Declining sales forces a Terre Haute packaging company to lay off workers. 63 of the lowest senior employees will lose their jobs.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –11/28/07
Source: L
Description: Two area towns will rally this weekend in hopes that FutureGen may be in THEIR near future! This Sunday, Mattoon and Tuscola will be hosting a FutureGen support rally in Arcola.

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Time/Date: 1734 –11/30/07
Source: L
Description: After more than forty years serving customers in central Illinois...a local restaurant announces they plan to close. The family owned restaurant Dom's Patio Villa in Champaign will be closing on New Year's Eve.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –12/03/07
Source: L
Description: We're in the final days of Illinois' campaign to bring the one-point-five billion dollar FutureGen power plant here to East Central Illinois. Hundreds of area residents, local and state officials filled the gymnasium at Arcola High School this weekend to celebrate the efforts of both Mattoon and Tuscola communities to secure the project.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –12/03/07

Source: L

Description: Two more states are throwing their support behind Illinois' quest to beat out Texas for FutureGen. Illinois governor Rod Blagojevich says his counterparts in Michigan and West Virginia say the plant would be good for Illinois.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –12/03/07

Source: L

Description: A decision on whether or not a manufacturing plant is coming to Mattoon will take a bit longer. Coles Together President, Angela Griffin, says they have yet to hear about a decision on whether the manufacturing plant will be coming to Mattoon.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –12/11/07

Source: L

Description: One week from today a final decision is expected to be made on the location for a billion dollar power plant called FutureGen. But before that happens city officials are in the process of accommodating large crowds of people gather for the announcement. As soon as Tuscola city officials know the time and definite date for the final announcement they will let the public know. In Mattoon city administrator Alan Gilmore says the announcement will come as a video message on FutureGen's website.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –12/12/07

Source: L

Description: Next week a final decision will be made on the location of a billion dollar power plant called FutureGen. Mattoon and Tuscola along with two cities in Texas are finalist sites for the plant. Earlier today it was made known that the announcement will be made Tuesday morning at 10. Tuscola officials are inviting the public to watch the announcement at the Tuscola Community Building and Mattoon is holding a similar get-together in Coles County.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –12/13/07

Source: L

Description: Despite a letter from the U.S. Department of Energy advising them to put on the brakes, developers behind an experiment low-pollution power plant say they're ready to choose between sites in Illinois and Texas. Mattoon and Tuscola, along with two cities in Texas are finalists for FutureGen, a cutting-edge coal fueled power plant. The announcement is to be made Tuesday at 9am. Tuscola officials invite the public to watch the announcement at the Tuscola Community Building while Mattoon officials are inviting the public to watch the announcement at K-Theater on Broadway Avenue, formerly Times Theater.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –12/14/07

Source: L

Description: Macon County officials are preparing to send a resolution to the federal government in opposition to a nature gas pipeline. Macon County Engineer Bruce Bird says the pipeline called the Rockies Express East Pipeline would run from Missouri to Ohio and would cut through Macon County. Bird says if the pipeline is built as planned it would directly conflict with plans to build a beltway that would connect U.S. Route 51 and Interstate 72. In the resolution officials say they're not against the pipeline itself, they just want it to be laid in a different area. Federal environmental agencies are currently holding an open comment session regarding the concerns about the pipeline.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –12/17/07

Source: L

Description: With less than 24 hours to go until the final announcement on where a cutting-edge coal fueled power plant will permanently reside, governor Rod Blagojevich offers his thanks to you and all of Central Illinois. Blagojevich says he would like to thank the people of Central Illinois for their efforts to bring FutureGen to Illinois. The decision on the final site will be made tomorrow via webcast at 9am.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –12/18/07

Source: L

Description: After years of waiting the people of Mattoon celebrated today as their town is named the future site of FutureGen. The announcement was made at 9 this morning and residents were quiet and anxious until they heard they were the new home for the plant. Construction on FutureGen will start in 2010. The plant is expected to begin operation in 2013 bringing hundreds of jobs to the local economy. FutureGen Alliance is made up of 12 U.S. and foreign energy companies.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –12/18/07

Source: L

Description: Nearly a hundred people also gathered at the community building in Tuscola to find out if they'd been chosen for the location of the power plant. Though FutureGen won't be coming to Douglas County the community says they're glad it will at least come to Illinois. City officials and residents of Tuscola say the announcement could be best described as bittersweet.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-12/19/07
Source: L

Description: Mattoon has been chosen as the new home of FutureGen power plant. The central Illinois city was said to have very good water conditions and geologic conditions. This plant is the first of its kind and will trip hydrogen from coal then use that gas in electrical generation. The process will allow carbon dioxide to be stowed below ground. Developers say the 275 megawatt plant could supply enough energy for about 150,000 homes. The 1.8 billion dollar plant is expected to power up by 2012 but work begins now. The FutureGen Alliance Chief Operating Officer, Jerry Oliver says bids for the first major project, the core technology that will turn the coal into gas will begin come January 2nd.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-12/20/07
Source: L

Description: Beginning June of 2008 ComEd and Ameren Illinois plans to purchase a portion of the electricity required to supply residential and business owners. Approximately 1/3 of Ameren's supplier contracts to purchase power are set to expire at the end of May. The Illinois Commerce Commission has approved Ameren's purchasing plans. New rates for electricity are expected to be in place as of June. The rates could go up or down depending on the cost of power purchased by Ameren.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-12/04/07
Source: L

Description: Illinois officials want the U.S. Department of Energy to name the Illinois site environmentally suited for the billion dollar power plant known as FutureGen. FutureGen developers announced Tuesday the plant would be built in Mattoon but the Energy Department says that announcement should have been postponed. The Department says it wasn't ready to issue its final notice that Mattoon was environmentally acceptable. An Energy Department spokeswoman declined comment except to say that the agency will say more about its concerns and possibly restructuring the project next month. Illinois governor Rob Blagojevich has sent a letter to President Bush encouraging his support for FutureGen and inviting him to Mattoon.

6. CRIME

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-10/01/07
Source: L

Description: A one car crash early Sunday morning kills a Mattoon woman. Illinois State Police say the accident happened on Shelby County Road 15-15 half a mile West of Windsor four Sunday morning.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-10/01/07
Source: L

Description: Decatur police say the investigation led them to a lot of drugs, money and some weapons. Over the Weekend members of the Decatur police street Crimes Unit searched homes the 36-hundred block of Dove Drive and the 32-hundred block of Chat Drive.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-10/01/07
Source: L

Description: A mental health expert has been assigned to the case involving a Terre Haute man accused of killing one of his children. Katron Walker is accused of kidnapping his two children from their grandfather's home in June 2006.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-10/01/07
Source: L

Description: Champaign County Coroner is working on finding out if the human remains are in fact Naomi Arnette's. Officials are continuing to investigate the scene where the bones and clothing were found three and a half miles south of Sadorus.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-10/01/07
Source: L

Description: A January trial date is scheduled for a former Piatt county teacher accused of criminal sexual abuse. Authorities say Randy DeJaynes faces aggravated battery and criminal sexual abuse charges after an incident Deland Weldon High School.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-10/02/07
Source: L

Description: The trial of a former Villa Grove alderman is expected to start later this month. Former Villa Grove Building Inspector and Chairman for the Planning and Zoning Board Larry Finke is Charged with driving under the influence and resisting arrest.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-10/02/07
Source: L
Description: Crawford county authorities are still to track down the person who wrote a threatening note that forced a school to evacuate.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-10/02/07
Source: L
Description: Human remains found near Sandorus have been analyzed and those results are being released. Champaign County Sheriff Dan Wash believes it to be the remains of 36-year old Naomi Arnette.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-10/04/07
Source: L
Description: At about eleven o'clock on Wednesday night in the Ramada Hotel in Terre Haute Major Jones shot his ex-wife Jessica Jones.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-10/04/07
Source: L
Description: On Tuesday members of the Decatur Police Street Crimes Unit along with the Macon County Sheriff's Narcotic's department completed a long-term investigation into the distribution of cocaine.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-10/04/07
Source: L
Description: The Decatur Police Department is investigating a claim on one of their own may have committed criminal acts. According to deputy Chief of Police Todd Walker on September 27th the Decatur Police Department received a complaint against one of their Sergeants.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-10/02/07
Source: L
Description: Mayor of Taylorville Frank Mason says he received an unexpected letter of resignation from Chief Ronald Shipp yesterday.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-10/05/07
Source: L
Description: Preparations are being made for a memorial service for Naomi Arnette. The 36 year-old-mother from Sadorus went missing last May. After months police officials along with hundreds of volunteers and Texas based equusearch discovered the remains of Anette last weekend.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-10/05/07
Source: L
Description: Police are asking for our help in finding a Terre Haute woman who has been missing for about a month. Authorities say 29-year-old Jennifer Blackburn was last seen on the curb at the intersection of 14th and Chase in Terre Haute.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-10/05/07
Source: L
Description: With the major League baseball playoffs underway, Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan warns fans to use caution when purchasing Chicago Cubs tickets online. The attorney general's office has received reports of a fan purchasing tickets online only to find out seats didn't exist in the stadium.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-10/08/07
Source: L
Description: A week after finding the remains of missing Champaign county mother the estranged husband of Naomi Arnette is arrested and charged in her death. 36 year old Robert Arnette is being at the Champaign County Jail on a 5 million dollar bond.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-10/08/07
Source: L
Description: The Crawford County Sheriff's Department is continuing to look for answers and suspects in the case of a high school bomb threat. Crawford Sheriff Todd Liston says they don't have any suspects although they do have a couple "people of interest".

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -10/09/07

Source: L

Description: Charges have been filed in the case of the dead horses found in Coles County. The Coles County Circuit Clerk's office says Ernest Rose has been charged with several misdemeanors counts of improper disposal of animals and violation of owners duties.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -10/09/07

Source: L

Description: A local women accused of animal cruelty has pleaded guilty. Roxanne Smith of Mattoon pleaded guilty to unlawful disposal of dead animals.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -10/09/07

Source: L

Description: The 39 year-old Champaign man has been charged with first degree murder and concealing a homicidal in the death of his wife. Robert Arnette was arrested after volunteer searchers found the body of 36-year-old Naomi Arnette in a wooded area a few miles from her home in Sadorus.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -10/09/07

Source: L

Description: Both sides of a case concerning two people charged with meth conspiracy are asking the judge for more time. Coles County Special Assistant State's Attorney Mick McAvoy told WEIU today prosecutors and the defense Attorney for Scott and Mary Harrison both need more time to build their case.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -10/10/07

Source: L

Description: A Terre Haute woman missing since August has been found. Authorities say 29-year-old Jennifer Blackburn was found yesterday and is alive and doing well.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -10/10/07

Source: L

Description: More changes are filed today against a Charleston man involved in a dead animal investigation. In, August Coles County authorities found dead horses and many others without food or water on Ernest Rose's property at 10-50 West Coolidge in Charleston.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -10/10/07

Source: L

Description: A trial date hasn't been set but two Chicago men charged with the murder of a Douglas sheriff's deputy will return to court for another hearing in December. Yusef Kareem Brown and William Thompson face multiple charges after a string of crimes on June 21st that ended with a hostage situation at First Mid- Illinois Bank and Trust in Arcola.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -10/10/07

Source: L

Description: The Illinois attorney general's hasn't yet decided whether to petition the state Supreme Court about a new trial for an Eastern Illinois man convicted of murder. Herb Whitlock was convicted in the 1986 murder Karen Rhoads and her husband Dyke Rhoads both of Paris.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -10/11/07

Source: L

Description: A man in prison since his 1987 conviction for murdering a Paris woman is closer to getting a new trial. Attorney General Lisa Madigan says after a careful review her office will not appeal n Appellate Court decision to overturn the conviction of Herbert Whitlock for the murder of Karen Rhoads.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -10/11/07

Source: L

Description: Officials at the University of Illinois are warning Illini sports fans to be on the lookout for fake tickets. Lieutenant Roy Acree of the University of Illinois Police Department said two tickets for last week game versus Wisconsin were counterfeit and the buyers were not allowed to watch the game.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -10/12/07

Source: L

Description: Preparations are underway for a memorial service for Champaign County mother of seven. Tomorrow, a visitation and memorial service will take place for 36-year-old Naomi Arnette of Sadorus who went missing in May.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -10/12/07

Source: L

Description: Authorities have not confirmed the car found today in the Wabash River is that of Scott Javins they only say it resembles the one Javins was driving when he went missing. Scott Javins was last seen with his friends at a home on 22nd Street and First Avenue in Terre Haute.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -10/15/07

Source: L

Description: Loved ones gather to remember the life of their friend and family member Naomi Arnette. This weekend a memorial service and visitation was held in Arnette's honor in Sadorus.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -10/15/07

Source: L

Description: In Vigo County Indiana Authorities say human remains found in a car pulled from the Wabash River at Terre Haute are those of Scott Javins.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -10/15/07

Source: L

Description: Attorneys for a man convicted in 1987 for murdering a Paris woman are still waiting to hear if their client will get a new trial. Last week, Attorney General Lisa Madigan decided her office would not appeal an appellate court decision to overturn the conviction of Herbert Whitlock for the murder of Karen Rhoads.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -10/15/07

Source: L

Description: A former Villa Grove alderman says he is guilty of driving under the influence. The Douglas County State's Attorney's office says Larry Finke appeared in court last week and pleaded guilty to D-U-I charges.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -10/15/07

Source: L

Description: Urbana Assistant Police Chief Patrick Conolly says Chris Darr and Kurt Buckley are back to work tonight after being put on paid administrative leave.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -10/15/07

Source: L

Description: The arrest of Casey High School has caused some parents in the area to worry about the safety of their children. Casey Westfield Community Schools Superintendent Robert Ehike says last Thursday a student was arrested after making threats over the internet.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -10/15/07

Source: L

Description: Champaign Police are working to make arrests after a shooting leaves three men with injuries. Police say they responded to a report of shots fired in the seven hundred block of North Hickory in Champaign around midnight on Saturday.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -10/16/07

Source: L

Description: A Macon County woman charged with accidental death of her 11 month old baby returns to court. 26 year old Melissa Hilton faces two counts of involuntary manslaughter and two counts of endangering the life of a child.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -10/16/07

Source: L

Description: The family of an Indiana State University Student missing since 2002 still wants answers about how his remains ended up in the Wabash River.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -10/16/07

Source: L

Description: An Urbana man accused of running a prostitution ring put of his home will spend time in jail. 46-year-old John Haywood was convicted of child pornography and weapons related offenses in June and will now serve 50 years at the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -10/16/07

Source: L

Description: A Champaign County man charged with shooting three police officers last summer is being evaluated to see whether or he is fit to stand trial. 46 year old Donnell Clemons faces two counts of attempted first degree murder following the shooting in West Side Park last June.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -10/17/07

Source: L

Description: The Coles County Animal shelter plans to press charges after an attempted dog theft this morning. Shelter spokeswoman Julie Deters says around ten this morning three men came to the shelter in Charleston who were interested in adopting a dog.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -10/17/07

Source: L

Description: Authorities say Jason Abernathy remains in the Coles County jail tonight after authorities say he battered a woman at a Charleston home. Charleston police say they were called to Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center yesterday in reference to a domestic violence report.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -10/17/07

Source: L

Description: The clues in the disappearance of an Indiana State student five years ago are a skull, a jaw bone and a silver Honda that was found submerged in the Wabash River. Authorities say there's not much to go on yet in the death investigation of 20-year-old Scott Javins.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -10/18/07

Source: L

Description: University of Illinois officials plan to take a closer look at this year's Halloween displays. School officials say a donated human skull has gone missing from the anthology department.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -10/18/07

Source: L

Description: No injuries were reported but Effingham police are looking into a possible armed robbery situation. Police say the incident happened yesterday in a parking lot at 12-hundred North Keller Driver.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -10/19/07

Source: L

Description: A man is in custody in Tennessee after an attempted murder earlier this month in Macon County. Authorities say on October ninth 26-year-old Shaun O'Neal Taliaferro shot 26-year-old Jason Washington in the arm and back then hit him in the face with a child's scooter.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -10/19/07

Source: L

Description: No new information is being released on a domestic violence case in Charleston that sent a woman to Carle Hospital In Urbana in critical condition. Authorities say on Tuesday, they arrested Jason Abernathy after he battered a woman at a home in 200 block of Fourth Street.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -10/22/07

Source: L

Description: Urbana man is facing multiple charges after police say he led them on a chase after a robbery just after midnight on Sunday on Rowena Drive. 36 year old Jack Beasley fled the scene but was later arrested and charged for robbery, aggravated fleeing and driving with a revoked license.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –10/23/07
Source: L
Description: Robert Arnette was arrested after the body of his wife Naomi was found a few miles from her home in Sadorus.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –10/23/07
Source: L
Description: The body of 38 year old Rita Cavaletto of Walnut Hill was found in a wooded area on Copple Road in rural Marion County on Saturday.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –10/24/07
Source: L
Description: Joseph McGee will be in court October 31st for animal torture charges along with charges of aggravated cruelty to animals.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –10/24/07
Source: L
Description: Illinois State Police have arrested Neil Barrall of Centrailia on Tuesday, they say he was involved in the murder of a Marion County woman.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –10/24/07
Source: L
Description: Robert Arnette pleaded not guilty to the murder of his wife, Naomi.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –10/24/07
Source: L
Description: Christopher Graves is one of three men charged with first degree murder for the death of 19 year old Brandon Read of Decatur. Read was shot in the head and died.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –10/25/07
Source: L
Description: 33 year old Philip Harpool faces charges of aggravated criminal sexual abuse after police say he fondled a young girl.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –10/25/07
Source: L
Description: 33 year old Jason Abemathy was charged yesterday with one count of aggravated domestic battery and faces prison time for this offense. Gina Giberson went into a coma after his abuse and is still at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –10/25/07
Source: L
Description: Mt. Zion Police officer Paul Hartwig has been charged with official misconduct and is accused of stealing gasoline from the town's public works facility. If convicted, he faces a sentence of two to five years in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –10/25/07
Source: L
Description: Former Governor George Ryan took a step closer to prison after federal appeals court rejected his request for a new hearing. A jury convicted him in April 2006 of racketeering and fraud.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –10/25/07
Source: L
Description: Jon White is accused of molesting nine of his students while teaching at Thomas Paine Elementary school in Urbana. A series of hearings in the case were scheduled this week.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –10/26/07
Source: L
Description: 19 year old Samuel Fortner is charged with aggravated DUI and reckless homicide after the death of 17 year old Kaitlyn Miles of Taylorville who was killed when the driver lost control of the vehicle, causing it to flip several times.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -10/26/07
Source: L
Description: The judge who presided over George Ryan's racketeering and fraud has set a two-week deadline for the former governor to start serving his sentence.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -10/26/07
Source: L
Description: Decatur Police Officer resigns from his position. 40 year old Mike Gannon is accused of engaging in sexual acts with a prostitute and possessing cocaine.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -10/26/07
Source: L
Description: Eisenhower High School vows to catch the person responsible for three called-in bomb threats to the school.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -10/26/07
Source: L
Description: Vigo County authorities say they have found now new information following the discovery of the car belonging to missing Indiana State University Student, Scott Javins. He was last seen on May 24th, 2002 and his car was found earlier this month in the Wabash River.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -10/26/07
Source: L
Description: Indiana State University officials notified the police and FBI after a noose was found hanging in a tree near Hines Hall. No arrests have been made.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -10/26/07
Source: L
Description: 39 year old Patrick Fitzsimmons plead guilty to stealing sophisticated weapons sight and other military gear worth more than 30-thousand dollars when he returned from Iraq.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -10/29/07
Source: L
Description: The Champaign County State's Attorney's office filed two charges of first degree murder and obtained an arrest warrant for Kenneth Sean Kelly in connection with the deaths of Jerry and Sue Haigh, nearly a year and a half after their murder.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -10/29/07
Source: L
Description: Justin Taylor and Shaitan Cook of Decatur are facing charges after the death of Brian McMillen, a 24 year-old Illinois State Trooper. The two men face charges of aggravated driving under the influence and improper lane usage.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -10/29/07
Source: L
Description: David Lewis, 45, plead not guilty to charges filed against him by the Belgium police department for sexual abuse and official misconduct. He will be sentenced November 19th.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -10/29/07
Source: L
Description: The Charleston Fire Department responded to a fire reported at 16-29 Jackson Avenue, yet the structure was unable to be salvaged. No one was hurt. Damages are estimated at more than twenty thousand dollars.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -10/30/07
Source: L
Description: Funeral services are being held in memory of Illinois State Trooper Brian McMillen, killed a few days prior in the line of duty.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –10/30/07
Source: L
Description: A trial date has been set for a former Terre Haute police officer accused of child molestation. It will begin March 11th for Carl Graham.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –10/30/07
Source: L
Description: A preliminary hearing for 33-year-old Jason Abernathy was set for November 13th as he faces charges of aggravated domestic battery against Gina Giberson in Charleston.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –10/30/07
Source: L
Description: Former Illinois Governor George Ryan is ordered to report to prison November 7th at Duluth, Minnesota.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –10/31/07
Source: L
Description: Joseph McGee faces animal torture charges and was in court for a preliminary hearing in Decatur.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –10/31/07
Source: L
Description: As early as next week a final decision could be made on whether or not to re-try a man serving a life sentence in the 1986 murder of a Paris woman. Herb Whitlock is serving a life prison sentence for the murder of Karen Rhoads.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –10/31/07
Source: L
Description: The Champaign County State's Attorney's Office say Jon White will be back in court November 27th, facing charges for molesting nine students while teaching at Thomas Paine Elementary School in Urbana.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –10/31/07
Source: L
Description: 43 year-old Brian Woods of Taylorville is charged with two counts of predatory criminal sexual assault of a child. He has pleaded not guilty to the charges.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –10/26/07
Source: L
Description: Philip Harpool faces charges of aggravated criminal sexual abuse after police say he fondled a young girl earlier this month. His pretrial is scheduled for November 27th.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –10/31/07
Source: L
Description: The Champaign's Sheriff's Department says they have made arrangements to move 35-year-old Kenneth Sean Kelly back to the area sometime this month. He is being charged with first degree murder of Jerry and Sue Haigh.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –10/31/07
Source: L
Description: The Seventh U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago denied Former Governor George Ryan's request to be allowed to remain free on bond until the U.S. Supreme Court has a chance to consider his case.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –11/01/07
Source: L
Description: The U.S. Supreme Court today asked the Government to respond to efforts made by the former Illinois Governor George Ryan to remain free while he challenges his conviction on corruption charges.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –11/01/07
Source: L
Description: Gina Giberson remained consciousness today. Severely beaten on October 16th, she has been at the Carle Foundation Hospital recovering. Jason Abernathy faces charges for her battery and will appear in court November 13th.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-11/01/07
Source: L
Description: An investigation is underway at the University of Illinois after two attempted sexual assaults on campus. Both victims were able to fight off the suspect however, they both suffered minor injuries.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-11/01/07
Source: L
Description: 43 year-old Brian Woods appeared in court facing charges of molesting his two children. A jury trial date has been set for March 3rd.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-11/02/07
Source: L
Description: 28 year-old Frederick Fischer, a teacher at an Edgar County High School, appeared in court facing charges for having sexual relations with a 17 year-old Paris High School student.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-11/02/07
Source: L
Description: 31 year-old Karyn Clark was sentenced to 4 years probation for a "murder to hire" plot for allegedly paying nearly fifty dollars to kill her ex-husband John Bilyeu-Clark.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-11/02/07
Source: L
Description: 36 year-old Christopher Henkel of Decatur pleaded guilty to a single count of theft of government property after stealing body armor, night vision equipment and other gear while serving in the Illinois National Guard.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-11/01/07
Source: L
Description: Police and fire officials responded to a car fire at an apartment complex at 1-32 Fairway Avenue in Taylorville. Later the same day, the officials were called back to the complex to put out a structure fire. Both fires were extinguished. The causes of both are still unknown.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-11/05/07
Source: L
Description: Police in Champaign are searching for Fernando Rizo-Perez, a man that may have been involved in a couple of attacks on the University of Illinois campus.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-11/05/07
Source: L
Description: Decatur Police say 27 year-old Matthew Alex Anderson of Decatur turned himself in to police after an arrest warrant was issued this weekend in connection to a fatal shooting of 30 year old Anthony Coleman of Decatur.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-11/05/07
Source: L
Description: Two students are facing charges after a string of crimes in the city. Decatur police say the two arrested are Decatur Eisenhower High School students and are lined to recent bomb threats at the high school. Officials are not releasing names.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-11/05/07
Source: L
Description: Herb Whitlock's initial hearing has been set in the case of the 1986 murder of Karen Rhoads of Paris, IL. He will be in court November 19th and is facing a sentence of life in prison.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-11/05/07
Source: L
Description: Federal officials say there's no reason why former Governor George Ryan should not start serving his six-and-a-half year prison sentence. The officials argue Ryan received a fair trial and should not be allowed to remain free on bail while appealing his corruption conviction.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –11/06/07
Source: L
Description: Former Illinois Governor George Ryan is headed to jail. U.S. Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens has turned down Ryan's request to remain free on bail and he is due in prison by 5:00 tomorrow.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –11/06/07
Source: L
Description: A judge signed an order for Robert Arnette to undergo a mental health evaluation after he was arrested last month when the body of his wife Naomi was found a few miles from their home in Sadorus. Arnette returns to court November 14th.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –11/07/07
Source: L
Description: Former Illinois Governor George Ryan is spending his first evening at a federal prison in Wisconsin where he's serving six-and-a-half-years for steering contracts, tax fraud, misuse of tax dollars and state workers and stopping a bribery investigation.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –11/07/07
Source: L
Description: Officials at the Champaign Police Department say Kenneth Sean Kelly was arrested on October 27th in Johnson City, Tennessee and is being charged with first degree murder with the deaths of Champaign husband and wife, Jerry and Sue Haigh.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –11/07/07
Source: L
Description: In February, a federal appeals court ruled owners of the Gift Spot Adult bookstore were in violation of a Marshall city ordinance and had to change its merchandise or move. It didn't comply and has yet to appear in court.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –11/08/07
Source: L
Description: 40 year-old Sergeant Mike Gannon resigned from his position in early October after being accused of engaging in sexual acts with a prostitute and possessing cocaine. His first official court appearance will occur on November 26th. If convicted, he could face probation or up to five years in prison.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –11/08/07
Source: L
Description: 18 year old Joseph McGee pleaded guilty to animal torture charges. He is scheduled to appear in court December 13th.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –11/09/07
Source: L
Description: Kenneth Sean Kelly was booked at the Champaign Correctional Center last night around 10 on a one million dollar bond. He has been charged with two counts of first degree murder in connection with the 2006 deaths of Jerry and Sue Haigh.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –11/09/07
Source: L
Description: Shai-tan Cook faces seven counts of aggravated DUI and four other charges in the October 28th accident that killed 24-year-old Brian McMillen.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –11/09/07
Source: L
Description: A jury trial that was set to start today for a Danville father involved in a crash that killed his two young children...has been postponed.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –11/12/07
Source: L
Description: In a News Watch follow up...more charges have been filed in the 2006 murders of a Champaign couple. Police say, Crystal Myrick has been charged with two counts of first degree murder in connection with the deaths of Jerry and Sue Haigh.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –11/14/07

Source: L

Description: The trial date for a Coles County man accused of murder has been postponed. Coles County State's Attorney Steve Ferguson says a motion was filed by Depew's attorney to leave out Depew's statement to the police because Depew believes his rights were violated.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –11/14/07

Source: L

Description: A trial date is closer to being set in the case of a Champaign man accused of murdering his wife. Another pre-trial hearing on the matter is set for January 22nd...a trial date is expected to be set after that hearing.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –11/15/07

Source: L

Description: News Watch has new details tonight in the case of a Champaign county man who died after being restrained by police officers. During the hearing, it was determined Pelmore's death was accidental...and caused by cocaine intoxication.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –11/15/07

Source: L

Description: A Decatur man, authorities say, was involved in an accident that killed an Illinois State trooper has pleaded not guilty to charges of reckless homicide.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –11/15/07

Source: L

Description: A Champaign County woman faces a felony charge after bringing a loaded handgun to the county courthouse.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –11/16/07

Source: L

Description: The former president of a Terre Haute company has been sentenced to five years in prison. Derrick Hagerman...will serve his five year sentence for concealing elevated levels of chemical discharge into the Wabash River.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –11/16/07

Source: L

Description: A local hunter faces jail time and fines for illegally killing a mountain lion. The incident happened September 17th in Northern Dunn County in North Dakota.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –11/19/07

Source: L

Description: Herb Whitlock has been serving a life sentence for the murder of Karen Rhodes was granted a new trial in September. The process of a new trial had begun today but there was an apparent miscommunication between attorneys.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –11/19/07

Source: L

Description: An Urbana man is in custody in Sioux City, Iowa after police say he murdered an Urbana woman. Curtis L. Collins was arrested for the murder of 30-year-old Heather Muntean.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –11/19/07

Source: L

Description: A man is in custody after police say he robbed a Decatur video store.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –11/19/07

Source: L

Description: A Champaign High School student was arrested after allegedly bringing a gun to school. He was charged with unlawful use of a firearm on school grounds and disorderly conduct.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –11/19/07

Source: L

Description: Eastern Illinois University associate athletic director will have to wait several months before he goes to trial. His pre-trial hearing that was scheduled for today was canceled and has been rescheduled for April 15th.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –11/19/07

Source: L

Description: A former Belgium Police officer accused of sexual abuse and official misconduct will get a new trial. The decision comes after David Lewis was found guilty of the first of seven trials stemming from accusations he forced himself onto exotic dancers.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –11/20/07

Source: L

Description: Another man has been sentenced in the case involving the kidnapping of a Champaign businessman.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –11/20/07

Source: L

Description: An arrest has been made in connection with a string of attacks of the University of Illinois' campus. Fernando Rizo-Perez was arrested on two accounts of aggravated battery for two separate attacks on October 31st.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –11/21/07

Source: L

Description: A not guilty plea is entered in the case against a Charleston man involved in a dead animal investigation.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –11/21/07

Source: L

Description: Bond is set at \$100,000 for a Shelby county man accused of manufacturing methamphetamine. Illinois State Police say 40 year old George Pierce of Shelbyville was arrested after authorities say he had substances containing meth and other unlawful substances in his possession.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –11/26/07

Source: L

Description: An Edgar County high school teacher is accused of having sexual relations with a 17 year old student says he is not guilty of the crime.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –11/26/07

Source: L

Description: In a News Watch follow-up...a pre-trial hearing date has been set in the case against a former Decatur police officer accused of official misconduct.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –11/26/07

Source: L

Description: A pre-trial date has been set in the case against a Mount Zion police officer accused of official misconduct.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –11/26/07

Source: L

Description: A former Villa Grove alderman will serve time for driving under the influence. Larry Finke will server 40 days in jail after h was arrested in February for improper lane usage, D-U-I, and resisting arrest.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –11/26/07

Source: L

Description: A Charleston man says he is not guilty of attacking a woman. He has also requested a jury trial.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –11/26/07

Source: L

Description: A Shelbyville man will head to court this week on methamphetamine charges. He will be in court on Friday for his first appearance with his public defender.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –11/27/07

Source: L

Description: A Champaign County man faces charges of aggravated battery with a firearm and attempted first degree murder after police say he shot a woman.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -11/27/07

Source: L

Description: Another bomb threat was made against a Decatur high school. Officials say classes at Decatur Eisenhower High School were interrupted for an hour yesterday because of the threat.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -11/28/07

Source: L

Description: Manners Park in Taylorville has been losing visitors do to extreme vandalism. Park officials hope that more enforcement at the park will mean no more problems.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -11/28/07

Source: L

Description: A state bomb squad is investigating an incident that damaged a vehicle. Authorities say early this morning and I.E.D. damaged a car in a parking lot at 600 West Third Street.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -11/28/07

Source: L

Description: Champaign police are looking for three people they say were involved in a late night shooting on the city's north side.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -11/28/07

Source: L

Description: In a News Watch follow-up...arrests have been made in a case involving bomb threats at a Decatur high school. Authorities say they've arrested two students in connection with the threats made against Decatur Eisenhower high school on November 20th and 26th.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -11/28/07

Source: L

Description: Officials are still working to prosecute the men allegedly responsible for the death of a Decatur teen.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -11/28/07

Source: L

Description: A Champaign County Judge will allow two McClean county girls to testify against a former second grade teacher accused of molesting students.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -11/28/07

Source: L

Description: A trial date has been set for a Decatur man accused of hitting a sheriff's deputy in the face with a liquor bottle. James Smith is charged with aggravated battery of a peace officer, disarming a peace officer, and retail theft.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -11/29/07

Source: L

Description: We have new information on a Coles County murder case. Matthew Depew of Mattoon, accused of killing Robert Gordon, voluntarily pleaded guilty to second degree murder. Depew will be sentenced February 4th.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -11/29/07

Source: L

Description: A Tuscola man has been found guilty of having, receiving, and distributing child pornography. Randy Maulding was found guilty of all three charges. Maulding could face anywhere from 10 to 20 years in prison because of the conviction. This case was part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide effort started by the Department of Justice to protect children from online exploitation and abuse.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -11/29/07

Source: L

Description: The trial for a former Urbana elementary school teacher accused of molestation appears to be moving out of Champaign county. The trial has been moved to Macon County because Judge Harry Clem believes a fair and impartial jury could not be found with in Champaign county because of all the pre-trial publicity. A trial date has been set for February 25th.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –11/15/07

Source: L

Description: The Champaign Sheriff's Department is trying to get a bird's eye view while conducting searches. The Department is looking to get a high tech remote control plane to assist in the search for missing people and lost children. Estimated cost would be around \$7500.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –11/30/07

Source: L

Description: A Christian County teen was sentenced for his role in a fatal accident that killed a 17 year old from Taylorville. Samuel Fortner pleaded guilty to one count of reckless homicide, his charge of aggravated D-U-I was dropped, and he was sentenced for five years.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –11/30/07

Source: L

Description: An Effingham County man, federal authorities said manufactured and intended to distribute meth, was sentenced for the crime. James Donaldson was sentenced to 200 months in federal prison and eight years of supervised release.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –12/03/07

Source: L

Description: A Decatur man was arrested in connection with the shooting of a 17 year old. Deandre Browning was spotted in the area and tried to evade police but was eventually caught. Browning faces multiple charges including first degree murder. He remains in jail on \$500,000 bond.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –12/04/07

Source: L

Description: A trial date has still not been set for a Vigo County man accused of killing one of his children. Terre Haute resident, Katron Walker, is accused of kidnapping his two children from their grandfather's home. A trial date was to be scheduled today when Walker was in court but no decision was made.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –12/04/07

Source: L

Description: In a News Watch follow-up, a jury has been selected for a man facing child pornography charges. Thomas Rinehart of Mattoon is accused of photographing two children various times between August 2005 and last December. He is also facing charges of aggravated sexual abuse along with molesting and/or engaging in other sexual conduct with several children. He has pleaded not guilty.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –12/04/07

Source: L

Description: A chase in Piatt County ends without any arrests and a deputy under investigation for possibly firing his weapon. The investigation by the Illinois State Police is to determine whether the shots fired were warranted.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –12/04/07

Source: L

Description: In a News Watch follow-up, Vigo County authorities are still waiting on anthropology test results to determine the cause of death of a Terre Haute man. No arrests in the case have been made at this time.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –12/05/07

Source: L

Description: A Taylorville woman is sentenced to several years in jail after authorities say she was involved in the production of methamphetamine. Tina Tirpak was sentenced to 14 years in prison.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –12/05/07

Source: L

Description: A January sentencing hearing is set for a Coles County man found guilty of criminal sexual assault. Thomas Rinehart of Mattoon will have his sentencing hearing on January 25th, but returns to the court on January 14th on his charges of child pornography production and another charge of criminal sexual assault.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -12/05/07

Source: L

Description: Champaign County Crime Stoppers recently added TipSoft, a service that allows crime tips to be sent anonymously via the internet. Police can then click on a link to ask the tipster additional information while continuing to leave the tipster anonymous.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -12/06/07

Source: L

Description: Taylorville Police are pitching in to keep a popular park in town clean and presentable. Park district workers say vandalism has been common for the ten or fifteen years. They deal with graffiti, shooting out light bulbs on Christmas displays, and now intentional reckless driving. Employees check every morning at 5 and if any vandalism is found they try to fix it before anyone can notice it. The park is waiting for the city approval to purchase four more cameras for the park.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -12/06/07

Source: L

Description: Funeral arrangements have been made for an Edgar County teen that was killed when a car hit his riding lawnmower. Around 6 Monday night 9-1-1 dispatchers were notified that a riding lawnmower had been hit by a car. Edgar County Coroner Peter Templeton says 15 year old Kayl Yocum of Chrisman was pronounced dead at the scene. Funeral arrangements for Yocum are set for Sunday afternoon at Chrisman High School. Visitation will be from 10 until 2 and the funeral will follow. The Edgar County Sheriff's Department says as of today no charges have been filed in the case.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -12/06/07

Source: L

Description: Three people are dead after two separate accidents. Authorities say the first happened 2 Wednesday at the intersection of Staley and Cardinal Roads in rural Champaign. Police say a car driven by 26 year old Beckie Bond of Urbana ran a stop sign and was hit by a semi truck. They say Bond and passenger 27 year old Daniel Jones were both killed in the crash. Then just after 5 authorities say 59 year old Jiyan Zhang of China was hit and killed by a car on Florida Avenue in Urbana, that accident is still under investigation.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -12/07/07

Source: L

Description: A bomb squad was sent to Parkland College in Champaign after the school says they received a credible threat. This morning officials say the college's Department of Public Safety received the warning. Parkland College Public Safety and the Champaign Police bomb squad are in the process of thoroughly checking the college. As of 3 this afternoon four of ten areas of the college have been declared clear and safe. The campus was closed today but Parkland officials will resume normal operations on Saturday December 8th. The college isn't commenting on the nature of the threat only saying it was credible and detailed.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -12/07/07

Source: L

Description: Champaign County investigators say a domestic dispute left three members of an Urbana family dead. The Sheriff's department says 30 year old Sarah Reed and her 14 month old daughter Madeline Reed-Moss were found dead last night in a burning home in Urbana. Investigators believe the fires were intentionally set. Authorities say Reed's husband and the little girl's father sped away from the home as authorities approached. Mark Moss was later found dead in a wrecked car less than 20 minutes later. Investigators won't yet say how they think the mother and daughter died.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -12/07/07

Source: L

Description: A Neoga woman faces prison time after authorities say she tried to smuggle marijuana into a federal prison. 23 year old Betty Ann Marie Conner pleaded guilty to providing contraband to an inmate. Authorities say in early May Conner was recruited by an inmate to smuggle two balloons containing marijuana into the U.S. Penitentiary in Marion. Prison authorities observed Conner passing the marijuana to the inmate and seized it. Sentencing for Conner is set for February 29th.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -12/07/07

Source: L

Description: A guilty plea is entered in a case involving an Danville father involved in a crash that killed his two children. The Vermillion county circuit clerk's office says 32 year old Keith Heer pleaded guilty to aggravated driving under the influence. He'll be sentenced January 15th. Authorities say the accident happened June 22nd when a car driven by Heer ran off the road and hit a guardrail north of Fithian in Vermillion County. Two year old Genevieve Heer and one year old Hunter Heer were both killed in the crash.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-12/07/07
Source: L

Description: The aunt of a 14 year old Terre Haute boy who died of alcohol poisoning is found not guilty of neglect. Police say Roberta Pine was asleep in the family's Terre Haute home last February while her nephew, Robert Patton, drank with a group of underage students. When Patton's mother arrived home from work she found her son unconscious and called 911. Patton died three days later. After the not guilty verdict Pine called Patton's death a tragedy, but said teenagers need to think about the consequences of their actions.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-12/10/07
Source: L

Description: We should learn next week when a man serving a life sentence for killing a Paris woman will get a new trial. Herb Whitlock is serving a life sentence for the murder of Karen Rhodes. Karen and Dyke Rhodes were killed in a stabbing rampage at their Paris home in 1986. In September an Illinois appeals court granted Whitlock a new trial. Randy Steidl was also convicted in the deaths of Rhodes and her husband but was released in 2004 because of problems with evidence.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-12/10/07
Source: L

Description: Autopsy results are in for two members of a Champaign county family. The Champaign County Coroner says 30 year old Mark Moss died from multiple traumatic injuries do to a motor vehicle collision. 30 year old Sarah Reed was stabbed to death. The Sheriff's department says Reed and her 14 month old daughter Madeline Reed-Moss were found dead Thursday in a burning home in Urbana. Autopsy results for Madeline Reed-Moss are pending toxicology results.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-12/10/07
Source: L

Description: More than a decade after the crime, Macon County State's attorney is looking into filing first degree murder charges against a Decatur man. In 1994 31 year old Jason Reed of Decatur was charged with felony aggravated batter for hitting 30 year old Darek McMahan in the head with a baseball bat. McMahan died last week after spending 13 years in a coma caused by the beating. Reed was found guilty of misdemeanor battering following a bench trial in March 1995. Macon County State's Attorney Jack Ahola says his offices is looking into whether Reed can be charged with first degree murder.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-12/10/07
Source: L

Description: An Indiana State University student is dead after a car accident in Terre Haute. Officials say 18 year old Jordon Shaw-Tyler was killed early Saturday morning when his car slid off East Hulman Street in Terre Haute and ran into a fence and tree. Tyler was a freshman athletic training major and also played on the ISU baseball team. He was also a standout baseball player at Terre Haute North where he lead the team in hitting his senior year. Funeral arrangements are pending.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-12/10/07
Source: L

Description: An area community college reopens after a bomb threat shut down the school. Parkland College in Champaign closed after receiving a bomb threat. Authorities searched the campus but no bomb was found. Parkland officials say classes will continue as scheduled today for final exams but students at Northern Illinois University will have to wait until later this week to take their final exams. NIU closed today after police found threats written on a bathroom wall over this weekend. Officials say the threats included racial slurs and references to Virginia Tech shootings. The campus will remain under a security alert.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-12/11/07
Source: L

Description: No arrests have been made and an investigation continues after a bomb threat at an area community college. The college resumed normal operations on Saturday and finals started yesterday. Authorities say there are no suspects in the case and an investigation is ongoing.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-12/12/07
Source: L

Description: A former Vigo County employee and mall Santa is found guilty of child molestation. Anthony Miller was in court today where he was found guilty on three counts of child molestation, a class A felony. Miller will be in court for sentencing January 11th.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-12/11/07

Source: L

Description: An investigation in Effingham County that started as a possible hit and run accident is now being called suicide. Authorities say on October 30th, 25 year old Adam R. Hartsock of Effingham was hit and killed by a truck on Interstate 70 in Jackson Township. The say police checked the vehicle in questioned and discovered the driver was not at fault. Authorities determined Hartsock walked out in front of the semi.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-12/13/07

Source: L

Description: The Champaign Police Department is asking for you help in locating a suspect wanted in aggravated battery. Authorities say on December 10th Robert Jackson Junior allegedly shot a 31 year old man with a gun on 300 block of East Hill Street. Shortly after being shot the victim arrived at the police station to report the shooting and was immediately transported to an area hospital. Anyone with information regarding this crime of the suspect's whereabouts can call the Champaign Police Department or Crime Stoppers.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-12/13/07

Source: L

Description: A Macon County man who pleaded guilty to charges of animal cruelty will not receive his sentence until next year. Last month 18 year old Joseph McGee pleaded guilty to animal torture charges after authorities say he hung a cat over a fence where it was mauled to death by a dog. If convicted McGee could be put on probation or he may face up to two years in prison. His next court appearance is scheduled for January 14th.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-12/13/07

Source: L

Description: A court appearance has been pushed back for two Chicago men charged with the murder of a Douglas County Sheriff's Deputy. Yusef Kareem Brown and William Thompson face multiple charges after a string of crimes on June 21st that ended in a hostage situation at First-Mid Illinois bank and Trust in Arcola. The two are also accused of murdering Douglas County Chief Deputy Tommy Martin. Marin was shot in the face and torso during the crime spree, but the that status hearing has been rescheduled for February 22nd. He died on July 17th. The two men were to appear in court today.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-12/13/07

Source: L

Description: The death of an Urbana woman who drowned in a creek is determined to be a homicide. In may, authorities found the body of 30 year old Heather Muntean floating in Urbana's Boneyard Creek. Last month Champaign County authorities arrested Urbana resident Curtis L. Collins for the murder of Muntean.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-12/13/07

Source: L

Description: A Central Illinois man sentenced to life in prison is now asking an appeals to give him a new trial. Maurice LaGrone Jr. was convicted of three counts of first-degree murder in the deaths of his girlfriends 3 children in September 2006. The children drowned when their mother's car sank off a boat ramp in Clinton Lake. The children's mother received a 10 year prison term last December. LaGrone's lawyer is asking a three judge state appellate court panel to consider charges such as involuntary manslaughter or endangerment of a child. A decision will not be made until sometime next year.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-12/14/07

Source: L

Description: A juvenile has been sentenced in connection with threats made against a Decatur high school. Officials say over the past two months, a series of bomb threats were made against Eisenhower High School. The student's name is not being released but officials say the teen must complete two year of probation, 1000 hours of community service, undergo a mental health evaluation, and remain on home detention until further notice. Two other juveniles will have hearings on December 21st.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-12/14/07

Source: L

Description: A fatal ATV crash in Crawford County is now being called a homicide. Robinson Police say in October, 19 year old Elizabeth Conat of Robinson was driving an ATV that hit a utility pole. Authorities say 20 year old Brandi Deckard of Palestine was a passenger on the four-wheeler and died as a result of the accident. An inquest was held earlier this week and a coroner's jury ruled the death as a homicide because Conat was drinking at the time of the accident. State's Attorney Tom Wise says charges should be filed next week.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-12/17/07

Source: L

Description: Vigo County authorities released details on what caused the death of Indiana State University student mission since 2002. Police say 20 year old Cott Javins was last seen May 24th of 2002 leaving a friend's home in his silver Honda Civic. In October, Javins' car and remains were found in the Wabash River in Terre Haute. Vigo County Coroner Dr. Roland Kohr announced late this afternoon Javins death was the result of an accident consistent with drowning. Kohr says there is no evidence to indicate Javins' suffered trauma by gunshot, blunt force, or strangulation.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-12/17/07

Source: L

Description: No charges have been filed against a Macon County man who more than a decade ago authorities say beat a man and put him in a coma. 31 year old Jason Reed of Decatur may be facing charges of first degree murder after he beat 30 year old Darek McMahan with a baseball bat in 1994. McMahan died two weeks ago after being in a coma for 13 years. Assistant State's Attorney Jay Scott says he expects charges to be filed sometime after Christmas.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-12/17/07

Source: L

Description: Three arrests have been made in a case involving stolen guns from Taylorville. Authorities say 17 year old Stephen Vancil and a 16 year old were questioned about the stolen property and numerous burglaries that happened over the past several weeks. They say Vancil and the juvenile suspects burglarized more than 20 vehicles, numerous homes and garages, along with the town's train depot. Authorities conducted a search of one suspect's home and found shotguns, rifles, and handguns.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-12/18/07

Source: L

Description: A jury trial has been tentatively set for a man convicted in 1987 for murdering a Paris woman. Edgar County Circuit Clerk officials say a jury trial for Herb Whitlock has been scheduled for January 22nd.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-12/18/07

Source: L

Description: A jury trial has been set for a Decatur man facing charges of sexual abuse. Authorities says 33 year old Philip Harpool was arrested in October after fondling a 5 year old girl while helping the victims mother move to another residence. Harpool will appear in court for a jury trial on February 7th.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-12/18/07

Source: L

Description: More testimony will be allowed in court when the trial against a former Urbana elementary school teacher accused of molestation gets under way in February. Champaign County Judge Harry Clem ruled another young girl's testimony and transcript from a child advocacy center interview will be allowed in the trial of Jon White.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-12/18/07

Source: L

Description: A 19 year old Crawford county woman faces felony charges after police say she was responsible for a fatal ATV crash. Conat now faces felony charges of aggravated driving under the influence of alcohol and reckless homicide.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-12/18/07

Source: L

Description: Vigo County official says alcohol was involved in the accidental drowning of a 20 year old Indiana State University student. Dr. Roland Kohr says he believes Javins was intoxicated when he parked his car at a boat ramp in Terre Haute's Fairbanks Park. He says the car apparently rolled down the ramp into the water where Javins drowned.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-12/19/07

Source: L

Description: An area judge has denied bail for the man convicted in the 1986 murder of a Paris woman. Bail has been denied for Whitlock, but he will return to court on January 8th for a pre-trial conference and again tentatively on January 22nd.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-12/19/07

Source: L

Description: A trial date has been set for a Macon County woman charged with the accidental death of her 11 month old baby. 26 year old Melissa Hilton faces two counts of involuntary manslaughter and two counts of endangering the life of a child. A jury trial has been set for March 24th with a pre-trial February 11th.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –12/20/07
Source: L

Description: Taylorville city officials are still working to put a stop to vandalism in city parks. Taylorville Mayor Frank Mathon says both the city and police are still discussing plans to stop the vandalism at Manner's Park but the plans are on hold because of the holiday season. Mathon says no decision has been made and their will be another meeting on the matter in January.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –12/20/07
Source: L

Description: A plea is entered in a case against a Champaign county man accused of first degree murder. Markele Powell is accused of murder after police say he sot a woman on the 100 block of South County Fair Drive in Champaign on November 26th. Powell faces charges of first degree murder and aggravated battery with a fire arm.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –12/21/07
Source: L

Description: The Champaign county coroner releases new information tonight about the death of a 14 month old baby. Champaign county coroner Duane Northrup says toxicology tests show 14 month old Madeline Reed-Moss died from carbon monoxide poisoning.

7. GOVERNMENT

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –10/01/07
Source: L

Description: In Robinson some homes may no longer face the wrecking ball. Last month, the city notified five property owners they needed to make some repairs, or the city would take actions against them.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –10/01/07
Source: L

Description: The state of Illinois is compiling a database of people interested in volunteering during large-scale emergencies. The Illinois Volunteers program will allow volunteers to register and list any special skills they have and their availability during times of need.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –10/03/07
Source: L

Description: A tentative return date has been set for nearly 30 National Guard Soldiers returning from Iraq. According to the Illinois Army Public Affairs Office soldiers the 634th support a company out of Mattoon and B Company out Of Champaign are expected to return either Friday of Saturday.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –10/03/07
Source: L

Description: the city of Decatur's Neighborhood Redevelopment Division is holding a series of public hearings to receive comments on its Annual Action Plan.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –10/03/07
Source: L

Description: The city of Decatur's Neighborhood Redevelopment Division is holding a series of public hearings to receive comments on its Annual Action Plan.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –10/02/07
Source: L

Description: A National Guard Unit from Mattoon will be home Saturday the Department of Military Affairs says a welcome home reception for members of the 634th Brigade Support Battalion will take place at the J-F-L Football Field in Mattoon.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –10/04/07
Source: L

Description: A National Guard Unit from Mattoon will be home Saturday. The Department of Military Affairs says a welcome home for members of the 634th Brigade Support Battalion will take place at the JDL Football Field in Mattoon.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –10/04/07

Source: L

Description: For years the city of Marshall has been at odds with the Gift Spot adult bookstore on Illinois Route One. In February a federal appeals court ruled owners of the store were in violation of a city ordinance and had to make charges or move.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –10/05/07

Source: L

Description: The countdown is on in just about 24 hours some local soldiers will be back in the arms of some anxious loved ones. The soldiers in the 634th Brigade Support Battalion are returning home from Iraq tomorrow after being called to active duty in May of 2006.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –10/05/07

Source: L

Description: Everyone is encouraged to come out and participate in the parade tomorrow night at six. The parade starts at the Coles County Memorial Airport and ends at the football field on Shelby Avenue.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –10/08/07

Source: L

Description: Mental health experts are saying thousands of children and adults in Illinois are at risk for being without health care. Illinois state senators are meeting this week to consider overriding Governor Rod Blagojevich's vetoes of several hundred millions of dollars for health care.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –10/08/07

Source: L

Description: A commercial airplane is flying into the Coles County Airport but one landed in Mattoon on Saturday. Around 150 members from the alpha company 634th Brigade Support Battalion returned from duty in Iraq.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –10/11/07

Source: L

Description: It's rare win the Illinois House for Governor Rod Blagojevich The house failed to override the governor's veto of a measure that would let truckers drive faster on rural highways and interstates. The proposal would have raised the speed limit for trucks from 55 to 65 miles per hour.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –10/12/07

Source: L

Description: Schools in Illinois will be getting a bit quieter at least for a moment a new state law in Illinois means students will have to observe a moment of silence before beginning class. Supporters believe this will give students a bit of a peace and a chance to reflect on the day ahead.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –10/15/07

Source: L

Description: Those who live in an area called the Lake Island Tract on Lake Charleston have eighteen months before they all have to move. The home owners currently lease their property for the city a lease that's set to expire in April 2009.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –10/17/07

Source: L

Description: Mattoon Mayor Charlie White has resigned. In a letter to the town's city council White said due to personal reasons he found it necessary to step down as mayor.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –10/17/07

Source: L

Description: The state hasn't said, but lawmakers still want students to spend a moment in silence at the start of every school day. The Illinois State Board of Education has sent a note reminding schools the law is in effect and encouraging them to comply.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 –10/17/07

Source: L

Description: Today's forecast calls for rain not snow but wintry conditions are on the minds of Champaign city council members. Last night the council voted to make residents and business owners responsible for clearing snowy sidewalks in down town Champaign and the University District within 48 hours of being notified.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-10/18/07

Source: L

Description: The Illinois Congressman isn't talking about it but Republican aides say former U.S. House Speaker Dennis Hastert will resign before his term ends fifteen months from now. The Illinois Republican wouldn't confirm or deny the resignation report when asked about it in Washington today.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-10/19/07

Source: L

Description: The Illinois National Guard says more than 27-hundred local and statewide soldiers may be heading to Afghanistan to help train the army and national police. The guard says the 33rd Infantry Brigade could leave for training as early as next summer.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-10/19/07

Source: L

Description: The Illinois National Guard says more than 27-hundred local and statewide soldiers many be heading to Afghanistan to help train the army and national police. The guard says the 33rd Infantry Brigade could leave for training as early as next summer.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-10/22/07

Source: L

Description: Indiana gaming police seized 88 of the gaming machines in Terre Haute and several more in LaFayette, Indiana. The games were being sold for five hundred dollars each.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-10/22/07

Source: L

Description: National School Bus Safety Week, reminds students and parents to use caution while riding buses.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-10/22/07

Source: L

Description: After a car accident in Piatt County, five people are recovering after failing to yield at a stop sign.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-10/22/07

Source: L

Description: Dave Cline is replacing Mayor White in office after White became ill.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-10/22/07

Source: L

Description: Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich has declared this week Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention week. He is encouraging parents to look around their homes for potential sources of lead.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-10/22/07

Source: L

Description: Illinois State Board of Education has recently suspended licenses of 25 teachers for sexual misconduct. 22 of those teachers are registered sex offenders.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-10/22/07

Source: L

Description: Former Mayor Charlie White sent a letter explaining personal reasons were the cause for him to step down as mayor. He felt it was best for everyone that he gave up his city duties.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-10/23/07

Source: L

Description: The state of Illinois is redesigning drivers licenses to make it harder to produce fake IDs. Two pictures instead of one and the birth date will be listed in two places. Those with valid IDs do not need to get new ones until their current ones expire.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-10/24/07

Source: L

Description: Governor Rob Blagojevich recently signed a bill to give the State of Illinois more options on collecting child support payments. Parents who do not pay their child support with now have their driving privileges suspended or get a boot put on their car.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-10/24/07

Source: L

Description: Attorney General Lisa Madigan and other attorney generals have reached an agreement with Kroger Company to make it harder for teens to buy cigarettes.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-10/25/07

Source: L

Description: Sangamon County record's office in Springfield found framed legal documents signed by Lincoln. The documents will be electronically scanned as part of an effort to preserve every document written by Lincoln or sent to him.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-10/29/07

Source: L

Description: The Illinois Department of Transportation say Illinois officials are shut down when trying to offer wireless internet access at interstate rest stops. No vendors submitted proposals after they put out a call for bids.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-10/29/07

Source: L

Description: Tourism Coordinator Angelia Burgess says military veterans are needed to participate in the parade for honoring military veterans. The parade starts on November 11th at 10 at 21st and Western Avenues and will end at Peterson Park in Mattoon.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-10/30/07

Source: L

Description: Illinois lawmakers voted overwhelmingly this year to change the state's voluntary moment of silence to a mandatory moment. This new law is called the "silent reflection and student prayer act".

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-10/30/07

Source: L

Description: Former employees of the Wabash Valley Surgery and Eye Center in Terre Haute are being told they'll have to wait a few more years to take their case to trial. Many filed a lawsuit claiming the mold in their workplace made them sick. Because of renovations at the Vigo County courthouse, the trial won't take place until 2009.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-10/30/07

Source: L

Description: Rob Sherman asked a judge this week to stop the moment of silence on behalf of his daughter.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-10/30/07

Source: L

Description: The state is considering discontinuing the Thomas A. Jennings detachment in Robinson because of lack of membership and participation.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-11/01/07

Source: L

Description: This week a new law was passed saying those caught transporting, storing or delivering anhydrous ammonia, a key ingredient in meth, would be severely punished. Those caught will face years in prison and fines up to 25 thousand dollars.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-11/02/07

Source: L

Description: Governor Rob Blagojevich reminds Illinois residents November is "Hire a Vet Month" in which Illinois will host several job fairs for veterans. Those who hire people who were recently on active duty overseas can earn tax credits.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-11/05/07

Source: L

Description: Store owners in Champaign say there are bigger worries than construction on the way to town. A possible rate hike for meter parking is causing even more potential problems for business owners. Prices on the meters could go from 25 to 75 cents per hour. This proposal is being considered to alleviate the amount of cars parking in a single place for hours and make room for more customers.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-11/06/07

Source: L

Description: Illinois state officials have created a new lottery ticket designed to assist military veterans. The money generated by the lottery ticket will go to health care, disability benefits, and housing assistance. It is available through no-profit organizations.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-11/06/07

Source: L

Description: State officials say farmers can now apply for grant money to help with agricultural projects. \$536,000 is available through the AgriFIRST program. The money can be used for construction costs, purchasing of land and buildings, and equipment.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-11/06/07

Source: L

Description: A hearing has been scheduled on charges Jerry's Pizza and Pub violated Charleston's liquor ordinance. In September, 86 minors were ticketed after being found in the Pub. A preliminary hearing is set for November 14th where Jerry's will either admit or deny they violated the city's liquor ordinance.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-11/05/07

Source: L

Description: The Taylorville City Council voted to keep the mayor full-time. Because of the city's growth a full-time candidate is needed to run the position. The position will remain a full-time position until 2012, unless the next council votes to change it.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-11/06/07

Source: L

Description: Indiana residents hit the polls to choose the mayors in 119 cities. Terre Haute Mayor Kevin Burke is attempting to become the first mayor to win reelection since 1991.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-11/07/07

Source: L

Description: Terre Haute has a new mayor, Duke Bennett. Bennett beat incumbent candidate Kevin Burke by 99 votes.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-11/08/07

Source: L

Description: Effingham officials recently bought into the idea of adding more retail development to the area. Originally a shopping complex was discussed but did not work out. No one knows what will be going into the area, but city officials do know they want to clean up the designated area soon.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-11/09/07

Source: L

Description: This weekend is Veteran's Day weekend and several area towns have celebrations in the works. Tuscola and Mattoon have parades scheduled for Sunday while the Charleston VFW will hold a ceremony on the square on Monday.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-11/12/07

Source: L

Description: Illinois law enforcement officials say they are making progress in their fight against small-time methamphetamine producers. Across the state, the number of meth labs is down fifty percent from last year. Though, the shortage of locally produced meth has provided an in for large amounts of meth to be smuggled in from Mexico.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -11/12/07

Source: L

Description: Despite an early morning rain, residents of Mattoon and surrounding communities line the streets to honor our veterans. Organizers say this year's turnout in Mattoon for the Veteran's Day parade was the best they have seen in years.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -11/12/07

Source: L

Description: Illinois officials say we should be honoring our veterans, so why have seventeen of them been fired from their jobs? Illinois Lieutenant Governor Pat Quinn is asking Governor Blagojevich to investigate the firings. State officials say they were fired because of a \$1.1 million cut in federal funding. State officials also said that they fired employees were offered other state jobs.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -11/13/07

Source: L

Description: Campus construction and renovation projects top the agenda at the upcoming University of Illinois Board of Trustees meeting. Among the proposals is a \$200 million facility project of the U of I's new supercomputer which will be used mostly for research. They are also to discuss upgrades and renovations of residential buildings on campus.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -11/13/07

Source: L

Description: In a News Watch follow-up, members of the Thomas A. Jennings Marine detachment in Robinson are given more time to recruit more members. The state has been threatening to close the detachment if they do not increase their membership. They have until December 5th to get five more members to remain open.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -11/13/07

Source: L

Description: Terre Haute mayor Kevin Burke says he wants a recount. Before the petition can be granted, the votes must be certified, then a recount commission has until December 20th to recount the votes.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -11/14/07

Source: L

Description: A local bar denies they violated Charleston's liquor ordinance by allowing nearly one hundred underage patrons into the pub. Attorneys will now review videotape taken from the bar to verify the doormen were checking I.D.'s. An evidence hearing has now been set for December 10th.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -11/14/07

Source: L

Description: A decision has yet to be made on who will replace Dave Cline as Mattoon city commissioner. Mattoon mayor Dave Cline says the Mattoon City Council met last night to discuss who would replace him. A decision is expected to be made at the next city council meeting on November 20th.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -11/15/07

Source: L

Description: Owners of a Marshall adult bookstore return to court to tell a judge why they are not in violation of a city ordinance. Though the bookstore has decided to change most of its merchandise city officials still believe the store is not in compliance with the court order and have not been since April.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -11/15/07

Source: L

Description: This week the IRS release a list of more than 4,000 Illinois taxpayers with unclaimed checks totaling \$4 million. For a list of undelivered refunds visit the IRS website and click on the link "Where's My Refund?".

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -11/16/07

Source: L

Description: Illinois students no longer have to participate in moments of silence for the time being. A federal judge in Chicago ordered a block on the Illinois superintendent from enforcing the new law requiring a moment of silence in Illinois schools. The ruling came after a lawsuit was filed by talk show host Rob Sherman against High School District 214. Sherman claims the new state laws violate the U.S. Constitution.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –11/19/07

Source: L

Description: The Secretary of State wants to remind citizens of Illinois of its office closures. All Secretary of State offices and facilities will be closed Thursday the 22nd and Friday the 23rd for the Thanksgiving holiday. Regular business hours will resume on Monday.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –11/19/07

Source: L

Description: The case between the City of Marshall and an adult bookstore will not return to a courtroom until next year. The owners of the bookstore entered a not guilty plea in a hearing last week. A pre-trial hearing has been scheduled for January 16th.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –11/20/07

Source: L

Description: Mattoon's new city commissioner will be sworn into office at tonight's city council meeting. Consolidated Communications employee Rick Hall will replace Dave Cline. Hall's term as commissioner will expire with the rest of the council in April 2009.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –11/20/07

Source: L

Description: Terre Haute town mayor, Kevin Burke, says the man who beat him in the recent election is ineligible to serve in office. Burke claims Republican Mayor-elect Duke Bennett violated laws that prohibit political activities by federal workers at all levels of government. Under state law, if Bennett was disqualified, Burke would win the election because he would be the only eligible candidate with the most votes.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –11/21/07

Source: L

Description: The Champaign City Council supports increasing parking meter rates. City Council member Tom Bruno says the council plans to vote on the proposal next month.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –11/21/07

Source: L

Description: In a News Watch follow-up, the disputed mayor's race in Terre Haute is going to court. A Vigo County judge has scheduled a November 28th pretrial conference for a legal challenge Terre Haute Mayor Kevin Burke has filed over Mayor-elect Duke Bennett's eligibility as a candidate.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –11/21/07

Source: L

Description: Former Mattoon mayor Charlie White passed away at his home last night after an extended illness. White had spent more than 40 years serving the Mattoon community in various political positions. He started his career in politics back in 1966. Funeral arrangements for Charlie White are pending.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –11/21/07

Source: L

Description: An ordinance has been approved in Champaign that requires business owners to shovel their own sidewalks within 48 hours of being notified. If business owners do not clear the snow, the city plans on hiring someone to do the job and then send the bill to the business.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –11/21/07

Source: L

Description: The opening weekend of firearm deer hunting was a prosperous one for Illinois hunters. The state Department of Natural Resources says hunters harvested almost 85,500 deer November 16th through the 18th. In Coles County 621 deer were harvested, compared to the more than 1,000 harvested in Clark, Shelby, and Jasper counties. The second portion of the season runs from November 29th through December 2nd.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –11/26/07

Source: L

Description: The IRS is looking for more than 4,000 Illinois taxpayers who have not received their refund checks. If you have not received an expected refund check, you can visit the "Where's My Refund?" site at IRS.gov.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –11/26/07

Source: L

Description: Special legislative sessions could be costing Illinois tax payers nearly \$1 million. According to a report in the St. Louis Dispatch, the state has already spent \$840,000 to cover extra travel time and living expenses during the 16 special sessions. Critics say Governor Blagojevich say he's wasting time and tax dollars. Another special session is scheduled to start Wednesday.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –11/26/07

Source: L

Description: The City of Champaign has a new plan for public transportation. "Champaign Moving Forward" is the transportation master plan for the city and will replace the existing transportation plan developed in 1992. A public meeting on the project will take place tomorrow at the Campaign City Hall from 5 until 7.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –11/27/07

Source: L

Description: In a News Watch follow-up, a judge has granted Terre Haute Mayor Kevin Burke's petition for a recount in the November mayoral election against Mayor-elect Duke Bennett. The recount must be done by December 20th. Also, Bennett has now filed his own request to dismiss the legal challenge filed by Burke, claiming the paperwork was filed incorrectly. A pretrial conference on this matter is scheduled for November 29th.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –11/27/07

Source: L

Description: Former Illinois House Speaker Dennis Hastert has resigned from Congress. His term was set to end January of 2009.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –11/27/07

Source: L

Description: Traveling outside of the country will be a little less stressful on Charleston residents. On Monday, the Charleston Post Office will accept passport applications. Those applying for a passport need a certified copy of their birth certificate or proof of U.S. citizenship with them as well as another form of identification. It usually takes four to six weeks for the passport application to be processed.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –11/28/07

Source: L

Description: Lieutenant Governor Pat Quinn wants to ensure military veterans at the University of Illinois get the support they need. Quinn wrote U of I President Joseph White asking him for a list of people who have received the MBA program scholarship and the list of those who had been turned down. 110 scholarships were to be awarded but only 35 were for the 2006-2007 school year.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –11/29/07

Source: L

Description: News of the death of a hometown soldier reached Arcola today. 21 year old Marine Corporal Allan Roberts was killed Tuesday while serving in Iraq. U.S. Department of Defense released the official cause of death for Roberts. He died from a vehicle accident near al-Asad, Iraq. He was assigned to a Marine Attack Squadron based out of Yuma, Arizona. A funeral date has not been set.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –11/29/07

Source: L

Description: Celebrations are underway at the Decatur naval reserve center for a homecoming of 15 members from around the Decatur area.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –11/30/07

Source: L

Description: Funeral arrangements are finalized for an Arcola Marine killed in the line of duty. 21 year old Corporal Allen Roberts of Arcola was killed Tuesday in a vehicle accident near al-Asad, Iraq. Visitation for Roberts will take place on Thursday, December 6th at Arcola High School from 3 until 8. Funeral services are set for Friday, December 7th also at the High School beginning at 11.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –11/30/07

Source: L

Description: The winning candidate in the Terre Haute mayor's race wants the Indian Supreme Court to overrule a judge who ordered the ballots recounted. A Vigo County judge ordered the recount and has scheduled a trial for December 17th.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –12/03/07

Source: L

Description: Today is the first day of a recount for the Terre Haute mayoral race. The process was moving rather slow, but authorities say it's necessary that this process runs smoothly and accurately. The law says that the recount must be done by December 20th but attorneys say they should be finished within the next week or so.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –12/03/07

Source: L

Description: Terre Haute may Kevin Burke is also challenging Bennett's candidacy, stating Bennett was ineligible for mayor because he works for the mental-health agency that receives federal money. Campaign finance reports also show that agency might have violated federal tax law by contributing to political campaigns, including to both candidates in the mayor's race.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –12/03/07

Source: L

Description: Tomorrow is the last day to mail packages to soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan if you want them to arrive by Christmas. If you are sending to other military installations around the world you have until December 19th.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –12/04/07

Source: L

Description: The Army Corps of Engineers is performing routine maintenance on the government's boundary line along Lake Shelbyville. The purpose of the maintenance is for people to know whether they are on federal or private property.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –12/04/07

Source: L

Description: Today is the second day of the recount in the Terre Haute Mayor's race. The three member recount commission began counting the second of 51 precincts today. Yesterday the commission found one disputed ballot, which will go to a judge for review. The recount must be finished by December 20th.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –12/05/07

Source: L

Description: Illinois state officials are posting online the names of more than one hundred people and businesses who owe at least \$1,000 in taxes. The Revenue Department has listed the names on its website tax.illinois.gov. Before posting the list the department sent two sets of notices to nearly 20,000 people with overdue taxes.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –12/05/07

Source: L

Description: The body of Allen Roberts was brought back to Illinois this morning. Following a short ceremony at Willard Airport in Savoy, a motorcade escorted Robert's body along Highway 45 to Arcola. Visitation for Roberts will take place tomorrow starting at 3, while the funeral is to start at 11. Both the visitation and funeral will be at the Arcola School. Arcola Schools are planning to dismiss early tomorrow and classes are canceled for Friday to honor Roberts.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –12/05/07

Source: L

Description: In a News Watch follow-up, members of the Thomas A. Jennings Marine Detachment in Robinson are making progress on recruiting members. J.D. Spindler is a league member and says the detachment is making progress and that they have at meeting tonight to discuss the detachments future.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –12/06/07

Source: L

Description: Visitation for an Arcola Marine who died while serving in Iraq is underway. 21 year old Marine Corporal Allan Roberts was killed last week in a vehicle accident near al-Asad, Iraq. The Marine's visitation started around 3 and will continue until 8. Roberts' funeral will be tomorrow morning at 11. Both services take place at Arcola High School.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –12/06/07

Source: L

Description: It's the forth day of the recount for the Terre Haute Mayor's race and officials say the process is running smoothly. Vigo County Clerk Pat Mansard says as of noon today, 17 of the 51 precincts have been recounted by the three-member commission. Mansard says votes will not be counted over the weekend. The recount must be finished by December 20th.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -12/06/07

Source: L

Description: The Thomas A. Jennings Marine Detachment in Robinson now has enough members to stay open. Members of the league met last night to discuss the detachment's future. Spindler says about ten new members attended the meeting which gives the league enough people to avoid being shut down by the state. The league meets every first Wednesday of the month at the Robinson VFW at 7.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -12/06/07

Source: L

Description: The Illinois Department of Natural Resources reports hunters harvested more than 116,000 deer during the firearm hunting season. The 7 day took place from November 16th to the 18th and November 29th to December 2nd. Natural Resources acting director Sam Flood says the total shows Illinois continues to provide some of the best deer hunting opportunities in the country. Preliminary reports show Pike County led the state in deer harvest totals with nearly 4,000. The three day muzzleloader only season starts tomorrow and ends Sunday.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -12/07/07

Source: L

Description: 21 year old Marine Corporal Allen Roberts is described by family and friends as one who could make fun of anything and always put a smile on your face. But today not only those close to Roberts were there to say goodbye. Roberts graduated from Arcola High School in 2004 and joined the Marines that year.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -12/07/07

Source: L

Description: Saturday, officials will be auctioning off the personal and actual property at the Moultrie County Jail in Sullivan. Moultrie County built a new detention center that opened in August. Lanmandola Auction Service officials say personal property such as filing cabinets and office supplies will be auctioned off tomorrow at 10 while the actually property will be auctioned at 11.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -12/07/07

Source: L

Description: Officials say with 23 precincts left to count the recount in Terre Haute mayoral election will continue into next week. Vigo County Clerk Pat Mansard says officials finished counting 28 precincts before they stopped around noon today.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -12/07/07

Source: L

Description: The University of Illinois estimates that just under 5,000 tickets remain out of the school's allotment for the Rose Bowl game in Pasadena, California. The Illini will play Southern California there on New Year's Day. Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan says fans should be on the lookout for fraudulent ticket and travel scams. If consumers believe they've been cheated they can contact the consumer fraud hotline.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -12/10/07

Source: L

Description: Champaign officials say they are bound to open a new library with the new year. On January 6th, the doors to Champaign's new Main Library will open. Library Director Marsha Grove says the new building is three times the size of the current library. Yesterday was the final day of services for the library facility until the new building opens. The new facility will have more than 100 public computers and more than 400 places to sit.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -12/10/07

Source: L

Description: The recount in Terre Haute mayoral race continued today and officials hope to have the recount finished sometime this week.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -12/10/07

Source: L

Description: A new Illinois state program is offering money to college students who are pursuing careers in industries with worker shortages. Illinois Governor Rob Blagojevich says a student who borrows \$20,000 with a ten year repayment period can save about \$2,600 over the lifetime of the loan.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -12/10/07

Source: L

Description: This weekend, Richard Frederick placed the winning bid in an auction to sell off the old historic Moultrie County Jail. Frederick says he plans to move into the jail with his wife and four children after a bit of remodeling.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -12/11/07

Source: L

Description: Illinois schools are getting some help from the state to deal with online bullying. Beginning in January, Attorney General Lisa Madigan says her office will help train employees at middle, junior high, and high schools about cyberbullying. Cyberbullying happens when a child is harassed or targeted by peers online or through other digital devices which can often lead to violence. Madigan says the training program will demonstrate what cyberbullying is, how it happens, and how educators can recognize signs to take action against it.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -12/11/07

Source: L

Description: Coles County property owners can soon make monthly payments towards their 2008 tax bills. Starting next month, residents can make smaller payments towards their property taxes rather than paying them all at once. Coles County Treasurer George Edwards says the payments are voluntary and the only penalty is missing a payment is a larger property tax bill later on. The tentative deadline to sign up is December 31st.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -12/12/07

Source: L

Description: The counting is still underway in the Terre Haute mayoral election. Mayor-Elect Duke Bennett's attorney James Bopp told News Watch today there are 11 more precincts to go before the recount is over. Bopp says the precincts left are larger which is why it is taking so long. He also says there have been changes in the vote count and Bennett is actually up by 10 votes.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -12/12/07

Source: L

Description: Coles County Board members vote to close county offices for Christmas Eve. Coles County Board spokeswoman Elaine Karpus-Komada says the offices will be closed so employees can spend more time with their families. All Coles County offices will reopen for normal business on December 26th.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -12/13/07

Source: L

Description: New information tonight on the Terre Haute mayor's race. The manual recount is over. Vigo County Clerk Pat Mansard says the recount commission also began looking at votes cast electronically. She expects all the votes to be counted by Friday.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -12/14/07

Source: L

Description: The votes are in and the recount is finished in the Terre Haute mayoral race. The election results have changed but only slightly. The results found that mayor-elect Duke Bennett won the election by not 107 votes but by 110 votes. Burke is not giving up on this election, he is also challenging Bennett in court on grounds Bennett was in violation of the Hatch Act. If the judge rules in Burke's favor, then the position for mayor goes to the next in line.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -12/14/07

Source: L

Description: Vigo Superior Court Judge David Bolk has set the trial on the Hatch Act challenge for Monday beginning at noon. Burke's attorney says they will be preparing for the case the entire weekend. Now the new mayor is set to take office January 1st. if this issue is not resolved by then, Burke will remain in office until a verdict is reached.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -12/17/07

Source: L

Description: If you are looking to get rid of your Christmas tree after the holiday the Army Corps of Engineers says they can help. Natural Resource Specialist Lee Mitchell says every year the Corps of Engineer drops Christmas trees into the lake to provide fish with habitat areas. You can drop off your Christmas trees starting December 26th in either Shelbyville at Johnstown Mall or at Howie's Lakeside in Sullivan.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-12/17/07
Source: L

Description: Another hearing has been scheduled in the ongoing dispute over the Terre Haute mayoral race. Bennett's attorney asked to have the case moved to federal court but a judge decided it would stay on the state level. The hearing has been rescheduled for tomorrow at 8:30.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-12/18/07
Source: L

Description: The trial involving Terre Haute mayor's race is complete, but a decision on the matter will not be made until later this week. At today's hearing the court asked for some additional information on the case to be presented by 4pm tomorrow. No decision will be made on the matter until after that information has been presented and examined by the judge.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-12/19/07
Source: L

Description: Last night, the Champaign City Council voted to raise parking meter rates in the downtown area. Parking in the center of downtown will rise from 25 cents an hour to 75 cents an hour, while all other spots will be 50 cents. Fines will also increase for time-zone parking violations.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-12/20/07
Source: L

Description: Effingham Mayor John Lange says the city is moving forward with their plans to build their multimillion dollar sports complex complete with an indoor pool, volleyball and basketball courts, NHL sized hockey rink, and a variety of multi-sports areas. Lange says the city is waiting to approve the final design and its cost to build. Effingham officials are set to vote on the project February 5th.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-12/20/07
Source: L

Description: Legislators hope stricter teen driving laws will help beginning drivers get more practice behind the wheel before hitting the road. Illinois legislature will consider bringing in additional driving laws next year depending on the impact of the new laws which start next month.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-12/20/07
Source: L

Description: FutureGen developers say they are in the dark about federal government objections to the project's cost. Developers say they now need one more government ok but have no idea when it will come. An Energy Department spokeswoman declined comment except to say the agency will say more about its concerns and possibly restructuring the project next month. Last week the department claimed the developers were moving too fast on the project.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-12/20/07
Source: L

Description: We should find out tomorrow the official winner of the Terre Haute mayoral race. A spokesperson from the Vigo County Superior Court says the judge is in the process of reviewing additional information submitted yesterday from the attorney's representing mayor elect Duke Bennett and current mayor Kevin Burke.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-12/20/07
Source: L

Description: For the first time ever the village of Arthur has a village administrator. Arthur Mayor Dave Conlin says John McCurtain was selected for the position. Conlin says McCurtain will start January 7th and will be in charge of running the village on a day to day basis.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-12/21/07
Source: L

Description: After more than a month of debate a final decision on the status of Terre Haute's future mayor has been made. Today, Vigo County Judge David Bolk ruled in favor of Mayor-Elect Duke Bennett. Bennett will take office January 1st.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-12/21/07
Source: L

Description: After three years of service to the Charleston community, the city's police chief has decided to leave his post for another job. Charleston city manager Scott Smith says Paul Welch resigned yesterday and will become the chief of police in Edgewood, New Mexico.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -12/21/07

Source: L

Description: Last night, Harry Downey, a Martinsville student, and his teacher Mark Kannmacher submitted a drawing of a new Clark county jail. County Clerk Bill Downey says the next step is looking for an architect who will make some more detailed drawings. Downey says the county hopes they can start accepting bids on the new design next summer.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -12/21/07

Source: L

Description: With a new year comes a new office for a local state senator. Senator Dale Righter says the move took place Wednesday and now its just a matter of settling in. The new office is a bit smaller and energy efficient which will save money for area taxpayers. The new office is located at 88 Broadway Avenue.

8. Availability of Social Services in Rural Illinois

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -10/01/07

Source: L

Description: A Champaign park district spokesperson says a group of residents have been working to raise money for an enclosed dog park that would be located in the southwest part of the town.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -10/02/07

Source: L

Description: A National a Holocaust Museum Exhibit is coming to a museum in Terre Haute. The Story of Varian Fry and the Emergency Rescue Committee will be at the Candles Holocaust Museum starting Thursday October 2 2007 until October 31, 2007.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -10/02/07

Source: L

Description: Shelby County Humane Society volunteers say they are planning their grand opening for the first Saturday in November.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -10/02/07

Source: L

Description: Lace up your shoes and stretch your hamstrings this weekend Wesley United Methodist Church of Charleston will be walking for hunger. The Coles County CROP Hunger walk will support two County Food pantries and the Church World Service.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -10/09/07

Source: L

Description: The Urbana Park District will celebrate the big 100 during its annual festival. The Centennial Chautauqua kicked-off this evening and will continue through Sunday.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -10/09/07

Source: L

Description: With their father in jail and their mother deceased the seven Amette children need your help. Co-owner of CJ Dane's Restaurant and Bar Connie Anderson told the news there will be a fundraiser this Saturday at five for the seven children of Naomi Amette.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -10/10/07

Source: L

Description: Ringing a bell seems like nothing but it means a lot to those in need of shelter and food. The Salvation Army is asking for volunteers to ring bells at collection kettles through November and December in Coles County.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -10/10/07

Source: L

Description: If you happen to drive by your local fire department and notice a sign saying ""Save Abandoned Babies" here's why. As part of a new state law fire stations all across the state including Charleston and Mattoon have been designated as emergency drop-off sites for abandoned babies.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-10/12/07
Source: L
Description: An event tomorrow in Mattoon will ask you to become a Living donor. The Living Organ Donor Awareness event will take place at the Cross County Mall beginning at eleven.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-10/12/07
Source: L
Description: A Decatur church is asking for the community's help in making it a holly jolly Christmas for troops overseas. Operation Enduring Support is accepting donations to send to troops for Christmas.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-10/12/07
Source: L
Description: Governor Rod Blagojevich wants to remind seniors and residents with disabilities that winter heating grants will be available through the Low Income and Home Energy Assistance Program.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-10/17/07
Source: L
Description: District fishery biologists Mike Mounce says Friday, October 26th officials and volunteers will stock the lake with small mouth bass.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-10/17/07
Source: L
Description: The Mattoon and Charleston city councils are giving their support to help lower income families make repairs to their homes. The Home single family own occupied rehabilitation program takes existing homes in poor condition and fixes them up for families to live in.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-10/18/07
Source: L
Description: The Coles County CrimeStoppers will be collecting five dollars from every convicted felon in the county. The funds collected will be used as reward money for tipsters who call into the CrimeStoppers hotline.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-10/19/07
Source: L
Description: The Robinson Community Airport will host an open house beginning at 10. Assistant manager Joseph Durall says they'll be giving young eagle flights from ten to noon followed by lunch at 3.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-10/23/07
Source: L
Description: Shelbyville Victorian Light Festival Committee needs help setting up light displays. Volunteers are needed. Lunch will be provided.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-10/23/07
Source: L
Description: A candlelight vigil will be held for Charleston woman Gina Giberson. She is still in critical condition after being domestically abused by Jason Abernathy. He is facing charges.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-10/24/07
Source: L
Description: 200 Red Cross Volunteers have been called out to raise donations of blood.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-10/24/07
Source: L
Description: California wildfires have destroyed nearly fifteen hundred homes. It has been the largest evacuation in state history.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-10/29/07
Source: L
Description: The Coles County Sheriff's department says drivers who hit a deer can claim the road kill for its meat. They do not need a permit or tag, they just need to call the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –11/01/07

Source: L

Description: Chief Deputy Tommy Martin died in July after being shot by William B Thompson and Yusef Kareem Brown. A fundraiser is being held in his honor. The suspects are being charged with murder and other crimes.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –11/02/07

Source: L

Description: The Illinois Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program offers help to some families that may have a hard time paying their electric bills.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –11/02/07

Source: L

Description: Charleston firefighters are working with local service agencies to try and feed over two hundred elderly and families in need by providing them with a Thanksgiving basket. Currently, they are 22 baskets short and there is only a week left to collect them. Each costs 35 dollars to assemble.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –11/02/07

Source: L

Description: Volunteers are needed to help set up for the Victorian Splendor Light Display in Shelbyville. Saturday November 3rd and Saturday November 10th.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –11/09/07

Source: L

Description: The season has begun for the Salvation Army's holiday collection.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –11/09/07

Source: L

Description: The lights of Victorian Splendor Light Festival will kick on in Shelbyville for the holiday season and needs more volunteers. Volunteers can head to the maintenance building on the corner of North Morgan and Ninth Streets if they want to help.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –11/09/07

Source: L

Description: November 16th the holiday light display in Mattoon with welcome visitors in Peterson Park to enjoy the Mattoon Lightworks display.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –11/13/07

Source: L

Description: A fundraiser is being held to honor sheriff deputy Tommy Martin who was killed last June in the line of duty.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –11/15/07

Source: L

Description: The Effingham County Fish Organization is sponsoring the third annual Thanksgiving Day dinner on Thursday November 22nd at the Cornerstone Christian Church in Effingham. Dinner starts at 11:30.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –11/15/07

Source: L

Description: Central Illinois lawmakers are backing legislation that would restore funding for the CeaseFire program Officials say since 2007 police have responded to more than one hundred and twenty reports of gunfire in the CeaseFire zone.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –11/16/07

Source: L

Description: The Illinois Sportsmen Against Hunger program wants to help feed the needy in Illinois and hunters are encouraged to donate their entire deer harvest to food banks and charities.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-11/16/07

Source: L

Description: The Tuscola Moose Lodge and V-F-W are planning an all-you-can-eat fish dinner to raise money for a memorial to honor Douglas County Sheriff's Deputy Tommy Martin who was killed last June in the line of duty.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-11/20/07

Source: L

Description: The Lincoln Log Cabin Historical Site is hosting a day of Thanksgiving and Prayer this Friday.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-11/21/07

Source: L

Description: The Otterbein Methodist Church in Charleston is hosting their ninth annual community Thanksgiving dinner tomorrow from eleven until two.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-11/21/07

Source: L

Description: Anyone who wishes to send a message to troops overseas can come into the station and record their own message to be sent to troops.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-11/26/07

Source: L

Description: WEIU is hosting a program called "Holiday Wishes to Our Troops." Residents from all over the area are invited to come into our studio to tape a thirty second video greeting...free of charge. Messages will be aired on WEIU.net and WEIU-Hit-Mix.net. This starts November 30th starting at 9 am.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-11/27/07

Source: L

Description: A news conference is underway in Effingham which could announce the end of a five month long strike. Officials say a major announcement is being made at the conference that has potential to restore Heartland's mental health services and produce a fair contract for workers.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-11/28/07

Source: L

Description: Food pantries in the area need help this season. The high cost of living is making it harder for their pantries to stay stocked up.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-11/28/07

Source: L

Description: The use of an arbitrator is what workers in the ongoing labor dispute in Effingham believe will be the solution to the ongoing dispute with Heartland management. Workers will continue to strike until a settlement can be reached.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-11/29/07

Source: L

Description: WEIU is hosting a program called "Holiday Wishes to Our Troops." Residents from all over the area are invited to come into our studio to tape a thirty second video greeting...free of charge. Messages will be aired on WEIU.net and WEIU-Hit-Mix.net. The dates of broadcasting are from December 17th to January 5th.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-11/30/07

Source: L

Description: Toy collections have started all around east central Illinois to give to make sure those children who are in need of a holiday gift get one. Some people are worried about the condition the donated gifts will be that their children might open. Caesar Perez says Toys for Tots knows what toys to avoid. In Champaign, the toys go from Toys for Tots to the Salvation Army ensuring the toys get a second check before they are distributed to children.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -11/30/07

Source: L

Description: Computer technology is allowing family and friends to stay connected with their loved ones overseas during the holiday. Steve White came up with the idea to help families and friends produce holiday greetings for the troops stationed overseas. He teamed up with WEIU TV and Radio to promote Holiday Wishes to Troops. The next taping of Holiday Wishes to Troops will be in Paris at the Chamber of Commerce on December 13th. Clips can be seen December 17th through January 5th.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -12/03/07

Source: L

Description: Parkland College officials are offering another option for you to connect with soldiers overseas...face to face. Parkland College in Champaign is offering free video conferencing between soldiers stationed at five military bases in Iraq. Family and friends are encouraged to come during the week of December 17th through the 21st for the event. Freedom Calls Foundation has satellite links in Camp Taji, Camp Fallujah, Camp Taqaddum, al-Asad Airbase, and Camp Victory.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -12/06/07

Source: L

Description: Plans to bring a bigger and more educational Children's museum to Terre Haute community will start in a matter of days. The plans are to increase the size of the current Terre Haute Children's Museum by nearly 20,000 square feet. Preliminary work on the site is scheduled to begin within 10 days.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -12/07/07

Source: L

Description: This weekend the Mid-Illinois Big Brother Big Sisters will be auctioning off some Christmas joy. Saturday the organization will be hosting their annual Christmas auction at the old Walgreens building at the Cross County Mall in Mattoon. Organizer Toq Lawrence says some of the items auctioned off will be autographed Tony Romo and Brian Urlacher jersey's and other items such as gift certificates.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -12/11/07

Source: L

Description: Illinois Governor Rob Blagojevich asks the United States Congress to increase emergency funding for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program. Blagojevich along with other Midwest governors requested an additional one billion dollars for the program.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -12/13/07

Source: L

Description: The Terre Haute City Park's Board has chosen the non-profit organization Chances for Indian Youth as the new tenant for the Booker T. Washington Park Community Center, formerly known as the Charles T. Hyte center. The Hyte Board of Directors were evicted from the center after a lease dispute with the city.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -12/14/07

Source: L

Description: Captain William Holman says the Salvation Army of Coles and Cumberland Counties has only reached about half of its goal for monetary donations. Part of the problem is shortage of bell ringers because few volunteers can ring bells during the week.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -12/18/07

Source: L

Description: There is change in the air for Effingham's YMCA. YMCA Director Steve Alexander says the center's preschool program will close at the end of this year. The decision to end the program was made because of declining enrollment and finances.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -12/19/07

Source: L

Description: A farewell may be in store for a local community building. The Effingham YMCA board of directors recently announced their intentions to sell their 18,000 square foot building and surrounding land for financial reasons. The move was questioned by some residents because of the new multimillion dollar sports complex coming to Effingham. Board members say the sale of property will allow the organization to expand its programs and scholarships to better serve Effingham County.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-12/20/07

Source: L

Description: The City of Decatur is looking to improve the community by offering some extra funding to its neighborhood programs. The Neighborhood Improvement Program offers grants up to \$5,000 per applicant to help fund events or programs that benefit the community.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-12/20/07

Source: L

Description: The Charleston Community Church invites all members of the community to a celebration on Christmas Day. The church will be hosting an annual Christmas Lunch and Dinner and will have games, music, and movies. Laura Bollen of Charleston Community Church says everyone is welcome to enjoy the fellowship and meal for free.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-12/20/07

Source: L

Description: In Effingham, the community is invited to a Christmas dinner celebration. Leeann Sapp of the Effingham Community Senior Center says they're still looking for help for this year's program. Anyone in Effingham County is welcome to attend free of charge.

9.Safety

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-10/01/07

Source: L

Description: Operation campus TAP is a chance for local authorities like the Illinois State Police and the Champaign authorities to keep close tabs on underage drinkers.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-10/01/07

Source: L

Description: Work is underway to make an intersection in Effingham County safer. The Illinois Department of Transportation will be adding a tight turn lane at "Y" intersection.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-10/01/07

Source: L

Description: Starting today the Illinois State Police will be patrolling construction zones more closely. Police say they'll be patrolling construction zones in Clark, Cumberland, Crawford, Effingham and Jasper counties all month to enforce the 45 mile per hour speed limit.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-10/02/07

Source: L

Description: A fire in Effingham leaves owners of a local furniture store called Nebrugge Furniture 25 thousand dollars in debt.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-10/01/07

Source: L

Description: An investigation is underway in Effingham after two fires were started within fifteen minutes of each other in the same neighborhood of Effingham.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-10/03/07

Source: L

Description: A bridge that has been closed for nearly a decade will finally open tonight. Joe Superintendent Tony Davis of the Watertown Road Bridge in Edgar County says this will be the last day for him and his crew to work on the bridge.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-10/03/07

Source: L

Description: Shelby County hoped to fix more than a hundred bridges but that didn't make the cut in the governor's state budget. Now, county officials say limited funds will only allow them to fix six.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-10/03/07
Source: L

Description: Decatur saw a little bit of rain this week but it was not enough. City officials continue to request all water customers to voluntarily reduce the amount of water they use.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-10/03/07
Source: L

Description: A Palestine woman is dead after an A-T-V accident in Crawford County. Authorities say at five this morning they were dispatched to Howard and Railroad.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-10/03/07
Source: L

Description: Effingham firefighters are fired about their open house. The Central Station is hosting an open house this Sunday from one until five.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-10/03/07
Source: L

Description: Charleston residents are in for a mother ride when they drive over an old bridge in town. Last night the city council approved a bid to replace the Jackson Street Bridge.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-10/04/07
Source: L

Description: Officials are releasing the name of a man killed in a two vehicle collision near Paris. Champaign County Coroner Duane Northrop says 77 year old Francis "Bud" Raymer passed away around 11:30 yesterday morning at Carle Foundation Hospital.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-10/05/07
Source: L

Description: Champaign firefighters celebrate National Fire Prevention Week with the community. Open house with guided tours of the station.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-10/05/07
Source: L

Description: 23 year old Joseph Clark of Newton fatally struck a deer with his SUV around midnight in Jasper County. He was not wearing a seat belt and was throw from his car.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-10/08/07
Source: L

Description: National Fire Prevention week. Champaign fire department is holding a free CPR training on Mattis Avenue.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-10/08/07
Source: L

Description: A barn burned down in Wheeler, killing two-hundred pigs at the Probst Farm.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-10/10/07
Source: L

Description: Douglas County Mounted Search and Rescue team is calling for volunteers and horses to help.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-10/11/07
Source: L

Description: 16 year old Andrew Dilley from Pana was killed in an accident near Tower Hill, a passenger in the car, he died when the driver lost control and the car overturned.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-10/11/07
Source: L

Description: Two bridges in Cold Spring Township and one in Rose Township were added to the list of 30 bridges in Shelby County that will be repaired.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-10/11/07
Source: L
Description: A ban is still in place for jet-powered boats on Lake Sara in Effingham.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-10/12/07
Source: L
Description: Macon County Sheriff's department received a grant through the Illinois Department of Transportation to hire a full-time DUI officer, Deputy Jesse Owens.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-10/12/07
Source: L
Description: The Illinois house failed to overturn the governor's veto of a bill that would have raised the speed limit for trucks from 55 to 65 miles per hour.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-10/15/07
Source: L
Description: The Illinois Department of Transportation is inspecting a potentially dangerous intersection at the north entrance of Lake Land College in Mattoon.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-10/16/07
Source: L
Description: Hunting safety precautions need to be taken by hunters, and a safety course is being held at Twin Oaks Sporting Clays an Trap south of Shelbyville.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-10/16/07
Source: L
Description: LaMotte township officials are repairing a small bridge in Palestine that was built in 1962.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-10/17/07
Source: L
Description: Alcohol is to blame for the death of 39 year old Robert Martin of Mattoon who was killed in a boating accident on Lake Shelbyville on August 31st.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-10/17/07
Source: L
Description: After receiving a threat against student Stephan Decatur Middle School the school was locked down but has resumed to normal classes.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-10/17/07
Source: L
Description: A grain bin accident in Macon County trapped on man at Garver Feeds in Harristown.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-10/17/07
Source: L
Description: Chief Joseph Holomy reminds citizens to use caution when burning leaves and permits may be required.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-10/17/07
Source: L
Description: Follow-up: LaMotte township officials are repairing a small bridge in Palestine that was built in 1962 and it will be closed next summer.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-10/18/07
Source: L
Description: Illinois Poison Center reminds people to make sure to use non-toxic face paint, check the wrappers of candy and check costumes for their children's Halloween.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-10/18/07

Source: L

Description: Donald McIver of Illiopolis was working to clear a clog in a grain bin when he slipped and fell and rescuers were not able to retrieve him for several hours, causing his death due to suffocation.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-10/19/07

Source: L

Description: Moultrie County jail auction has been moved to December 8th.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-10/23/07

Source: L

Description: An employee was hurt and another was held hostage inside Lake Land Community College in Mattoon, but it was only a drill for the local fire and police departments.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-10/23/07

Source: L

Description: Illinois Department of Natural Resources is reminding hunters to play it safe while in the woods. Illinois law requires hunters born after 1980 to take the course before they can be issued a license.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-10/23/07

Source: L

Description: University of Illinois officials are trying to get all students to register for the new emergency communication system to prevent such tragedies as Virginia Tech's school shooting. Officials say this new system is being used because students don't always pay attention to official mailings and postings in dorms.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-10/23/07

Source: L

Description: A Missouri Air National Guard plane crashed during drills in May, and an Air Force report says there was nothing the pilot could do except eject from the F-15. A jammed cable is being blamed for the crash.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-10/24/07

Source: L

Description: The Effingham city council says drivers on North Maple Street are going too fast and the site has been the area of multiple car accidents. There are new stop signs along the route.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-10/24/07

Source: L

Description: Fort Daniel Bridge on Fort Daniel Road in Macon County will be closed at noon. The structure has deteriorated faster than expected and repairs are expected to begin soon.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-10/24/07

Source: L

Description: Rescue crews had to use the jaws of life to rescue a driver trapped in his car after an accident on Coles County Highway near Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center in Mattoon. The driver ran off the road, hit a sign and drove through a ditch before hitting a concrete culvert. The driver was taken to Sarah Bush.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-10/25/07

Source: L

Description: Residents in Jasper County are a little leery about what wild animals may be roaming around town. Earlier this month a man's horse was attacked by what he says was a big cat.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-10/25/07

Source: L

Description: Follow up: A man trapped in his vehicle after an accident on Route 16 near Sarah Bush Health Center was released from the hospital. David Adams of Marion Iowa suffered a diabetic related ailment and drove off the road. He suffered minor injuries.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-10/26/07
Source: L
Description: There are more than 80 registered sex offenders in Coles County alone and more than one thousand in Illinois. Local law enforcement is doing everything possible to prevent problems this Halloween.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-10/29/07
Source: L
Description: In Champaign-Urbana, trick or treating will be allowed Wednesday evening from six until eight. In Charleston, five to eight.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-10/29/07
Source: L
Description: Rescue crews from Urbana planned an exercise over the weekend to prepare for a grain bin rescue.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-10/30/07
Source: L
Description: 24 year-old Adam Hartsock of Effingham was driving on Interstate 70 when he ran into the median and got stuck, he got out of his vehicle and was walking down the Interstate when an unknown vehicle struck him. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-10/31/07
Source: L
Description: Illinois state police are questioning a person that may have been involved with the fatal hit and run accident of Adam Hartsock.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-11/01/07
Source: L
Description: On November 19th, IDOT will meet to show off plans for improvements on Fayette Avenue in Effingham, the scene of numerous accidents.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-11/02/07
Source: L
Description: 27 year-old Donald Crays was allegedly fatally struck by a car driven by Melvin Monroe in Champaign.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-11/02/07
Source: L
Description: Firefighters across the United States are reminding everyone to change their clocks back for daylight savings and the batteries in smoke detectors in all homes.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-11/02/07
Source: L
Description: The Illinois State Police are stressing safety with the approaching rifle deer season.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-11/02/07
Source: L
Description: Taylorville Mayor Frank Mathon says Fire Chief Roger Lunt turned in his resignation last night due to his plans to attend fire school at the University of Illinois.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-11/05/07
Source: L
Description: If you are in Champaign over the next couple of weeks you may notice even more construction around Main Street. Work began today to replace an outdated sanitary sewer under Neil Street and around many stores and restaurants.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-11/05/07
Source: L
Description: This weekend the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System division 54, the Illinois Fire Institute and Lake Land College Kluthe Center hosted free fire school classes. Firefighters were able to attend classes on basic auto extrication, grain bin rescues, fire scenes and aerial apparatus operations, just to name a few. Firefighters say getting to use the equipment is the best training you can get.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –11/05/07

Source: L

Description: Neil Street should re-open on November 16th. The detour will send traffic west on Church Street to State Street then south on University Avenue and east on Neil Street.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –11/06/07

Source: L

Description: Illinois State Police in Effingham still do not know what caused the death of an Effingham man killed while walking along Interstate 70. On October 30th, it is believed Adam Hartsock was hit and killed by a vehicle at mile marker 89 on I-70 in Jackson Township. But autopsy reports show he was not hit by a vehicle. The cause of death is still unknown and will not be determined until a coroner's inquest.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –11/07/07

Source: L

Description: An overnight fire has left a Macon County Community Center and Restaurant destroyed. Maroa Fire Department says the M and M Café on Main Street went up in flames around midnight. The cause of the fire has not been determined but firefighters say it could be from an electrical problem. The township is in the process of deciding whether or not to rebuild its community center.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –11/07/07

Source: L

Description: The 9th Street bridge in Mattoon has been a problem for years and finding time to fix it has been difficult since it is heavily traveled. On a scale of 1 to 100 the bridge rates a 40. The bridge is limited in its use, even emergency vehicles cannot traverse it because of the bridge's meager twelve ton weight limit. This forces emergency crews to use other routes which can be longer. Funding would come from the state and county. The work would start as soon as school gets out and ideally be done before school is back in session.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –11/08/07

Source: L

Description: Effingham isn't the only city in East Central Illinois trying to bring business into the area. Starting tomorrow the 300 block of North Water Street in Decatur will be closed until this summer. Mayor Osborne says during the project all south bound traffic should use North Main Street as a detour. The road will officially close at 8am tomorrow morning and is expected to open sometime in July.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –11/09/07

Source: L

Description: After battling fires for nearly forty years an area fire chief is calling it quits. Champaign Fire Chief David Penicook has announced he will resign as chief effective December 28th. City manager Steve Carter says the city will conduct a nation search for a new chief and hopes an interim chief will be appointed next week.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –11/12/07

Source: L

Description: Officials are still trying to determine what caused an explosion at Springfield's main power plant. One large explosion along with a dozen smaller ones took place shortly before seven at the plant belonging to City Water, Light, and Power. Lake Springfield will be closed to boaters indefinitely while officials evaluate the damage.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –11/13/07

Source: L

Description: Crews are to begin work on one of Edgar County's most traveled roads. Construction on Shiloh Road will start in the spring. The road will be converted to asphalt because of the amount of traffic. The south end of the roadway will be paved first. The area will be closed during construction.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –11/14/07

Source: L

Description: Authorities say it's time for major improvements to a historic bridge in Coles County. The crumbling bridge will be repaired in a matter of months to the point where, officials say, drivers will get a sense of security when they pass over it while keeping its historic look. Repairs could start as soon as this spring, after design plans are approved by the Illinois Department of Transportation. Work would take a couple of months with weather permitting.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-11/15/07
Source: L

Description: Illinois State Police in Effingham told News Watch today the deadliest holiday for drivers is Thanksgiving. In response, they are stepping up patrols to keep this holiday from being the most fatal for another year. Stay Alive on the I's program will make it so on the 21st and 25th State police will be more visible statewide on the interstates.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-11/15/07
Source: L

Description: Hunters are also reminded to make safety a priority during Firearm Deer Season. Tomorrow marks the 50th anniversary of resumption of deer hunting in Illinois. Legal hunting hours for 2007 are half hour before sunrise to one half hour before sunset. Hunters must register their kills by ten on the day they take the deer. Hunters can do this by phone or through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources website.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-11/16/07
Source: L

Description: Traveling comes at a price especially with the rising price of gasoline. In Charleston, the \$3 gas prices don't stop drivers from lining up in the streets to try to get fuel for the upcoming holiday. One station manager said they get so backed up this time of the year they may need some extra help. It is advised that you get to the pumps early because there will be a wait.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-11/16/07
Source: L

Description: Decatur residents may have to take a different route for the next 8 months. Beginning today the 300 block of North Water Street in Decatur will be closed until July of 2008. The closure will help make room for construction to the new Reynolds development building in an effort to revitalize the downtown area. After improvements are made the roadway will re-open as a two-way road.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-11/19/07
Source: L

Description: Effingham officials invite you to an open house tonight to discuss the future of a dangerous road in town. The Illinois Department of Transportation has been planning to improve Fayette Avenue and now that they are, they want your input. IDOT officials will address the following issues; narrow lanes, high traffic volume, turn lane space, and higher crashes rates. The open house will be held at the Knights of Columbus building in Effingham at 7.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-11/19/07
Source: L

Description: November is lung cancer awareness month and the Macon County Health Department is helping residents battle a colorless, odorless gas that causes cancer. According to the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers. The Macon County Health Department has free radon test kits available for Macon County residents. IEMA officials say everyone should test their homes for radon.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-11/21/07
Source: L

Description: While most drivers want to get to their thanksgiving destinations quickly state police want them to get there safely. This season state police are out enforcing their Stay Alive on the I's program. If you travel on I-70 or I-57 expect to see a trooper about every 10 miles.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-11/29/07
Source: L

Description: Clean up continues tonight at Parkland College in Champaign after a small mercury spill. Officials say the spill happened yesterday in the L wing of a classroom. School officials contacted environmental clean up company right away. The company indicated the levels in the air were not high enough to be harmful to staff or students. Carpet will be removed in the affected spots while classes have been assigned different rooms away from the area.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-11/29/07
Source: L

Description: The Consumer Product Safety Commission is trying to cut back on the holiday related mishaps and reminding people to deck the halls with fire resistant décor if possible. Government reports show between November and December about 10,000 people are treated in emergency rooms for injuries related to holiday decorating. The government suggests keeping trees away from heavily traveled areas of the house, heat sources, and select only the freshest real trees.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-12/03/07

Source: L

Description: Illinois state police are investigating an accident that stopped traffic on I-70 for half an hour. It took nearly an hour to extricate all three people involved. The driver Wendy Doettcher and passenger Andy Kaczmarek were airlifted to Carle Trauma Center in Champaign while the other passenger Terry Robinson was taken to St. Anthony's in Effingham. Conditions are unknown. All three victims were from Vandalia.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-12/03/07

Source: L

Description: According to the National Fire Protection Association nearly half of the fires that happen in winter months are do to home-heating. The Effingham fire department says to keep space heaters and candles away from flammable objects, to inspect all heating equipment this includes smoke alarms, outlets, and extension cords.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-12/03/07

Source: L

Description: The Effingham Fire Department says if residents take the same precautions with their holiday decorations, they can help keep the wreath red. The Effingham Fire Department is participating in the Keep the Wreath Red program during the holiday season. A wreath with red lights will be outside the city's fire stations. When a fire is determined to be caused or related to Christmas decorations one of the bulbs will be changed to white.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-12/04/07

Source: L

Description: Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan is warning consumers about another popular kids toy containing high levels of lead. The Fisher-Price medical kits, specifically the red blood pressure cuffs in the kits contain lead. She is urging parents to take the toy away from their children immediately. Fisher-Price has agreed to remove the toy medical kits from store shelves and offer a replacement part.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-12/04/07

Source: L

Description: An Edgar county teen is dead after an accident near the village of Scotland. 9-1-1 dispatchers were notified Monday night around 6pm that a riding lawnmower was hit by a car. 15 year old Kayl Yocum was pronounced dead at the scene. Cody Yocum, Yocum's younger brother was also on the mower. He was transported to Paris Community Hospital and treated for injuries. The incident is still under investigation.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-12/05/07

Source: L

Description: After several accidents and close calls Lake Land College officials are trying to make the drive along U.S. 45 near the school safer. School officials are working with Illinois Department of Transportation and the Mattoon Police Department to help slow drivers down near the entrance of the college. Right now the speed limit is in the process of being reduced, adding more street signs and putting up flashing warning beacons along the highway. The speed limit change could happen within the next few weeks.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-12/05/07

Source: L

Description: Funeral arrangements will be made this evening for an Edgar County teen killed earlier this week while riding a lawnmower. Edgar County coroner Peter Templeton says 15-year-old was killed instantly from multiple internal injuries and was pronounced dead at the scene.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-12/05/07

Source: L

Description: A fire in Jasper County destroys a hog farm and kills 500 pigs. Early yesterday, Dieterich firefighters responded to Todd and Vickie Probst's farm, just north of Wheeler. Earlier this year another fire was reported at a hog farm that killed 300 pigs also by Wheeler and to a family named Probst. Just like the fire which happened earlier in the year, the cause of this fire was probably electrical but the official cause is undetermined.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-12/03/07

Source: L

Description: Decatur residents are still under mandatory water conservation measures but city officials say the situation is getting better. Assistant City Manager Bill Tyus says Lake Decatur is a bit above normal winter pool levels. Negotiations are still underway between the city of Decatur and the owner of Lake Tokorozawa about a possible contract to pump water from the lake.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -12/12/07

Source: L

Description: The parishioners at Saint Mary's Church in Paris are celebrating a newly repaired and renovated church this holiday season. Around this time last year and advent candle was left burning and caught the church on fire.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -12/12/07

Source: L

Description: Illinois lawmakers are giving a special gift to parents this holiday season. In conjunction with Attorney General Lisa Madigan, a safe shopping guide for parents has been released for the Christmas holiday. Items in the guide include children's products that have been recalled in 2007 between November 26th and December 6th.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -12/12/07

Source: L

Description: One local business is still looking for donations this holiday. The Charleston Civic Association is accepting toys for local children in need. Toys can be dropped off until 4 tomorrow at the St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Charleston. On Friday registered parents can come in between 9 and 2 to pick out 2 gifts one big and one small for their child.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -12/13/07

Source: L

Description: Don't be surprised if you see a few more state police patrolling the highways this holiday. The Illinois State Police in Effingham will be conducting seatbelt patrols this month. Police in Illinois say approximately 36% of the people who die in traffic crashes were not properly buckled up.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -12/13/07

Source: L

Description: The month of December is also being declared as drugged and drunk driving prevention month. The Illinois Department of Transportation, the Illinois State Police, the toll way and local police agencies will be stepping up patrols and roadside safety checks this month. The roadside checks and patrols are part of the national "You drink. You drive. You lose." campaign.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -12/13/07

Source: L

Description: Life saving equipment is now required at outdoor fitness and sports facilities. Yesterday Governor Rob Blagojevich signed a bill requiring all outdoor football stadiums, soccer fields, baseball fields, and other outdoor facilities to have an Automated External Defibrillator. This bill is named after a Northwestern University football player who died during practice in 2001.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -12/13/07

Source: L

Description: In Palestine, a resident is still nursing her injuries after her Christmas tree caught on fire. Shirley Price was in the kitchen when the fire started. Neighbors say she is doing fine besides a couple of burns on her arms.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -12/14/07

Source: L

Description: One man is dead after an early morning accident in Champaign. Champaign police were called to Neil Street near Windsor Road where 32 year old Carlos Fuller of Champaign had been hit and killed by a truck. The investigation still continues.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -12/17/07

Source: L

Description: A popular Fisher-Price children's toy is being recalled after the company discovered the toy presents a safety hazard. The green blood pressure cuff found in the Sesame Street Giggle Fisher-Price toy medical kits may cause lead poisoning. The company has agreed to pull the toy from store shelves and offer a replacement part for families who already have the toy.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -12/19/07

Source: L

Description: Funeral arrangements have been made for an Indiana State University student found in the Wabash River. Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Rose Lawn Funeral Home. Visitation will take place Friday at 2 and the funeral will be held Saturday at 11.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-12/19/07

Source: L

Description: State, county, and local law enforcement throughout the Midwest will be cracking down on drivers over the holidays. Between now and January 1st more than 1,000 law enforcement agencies will participate in this year's Drunk Driving Over the Limit Under Arrest program. Law enforcement officials say impaired drivers should expect to be arrested. Offenders can lose their license, lose time from their jobs, receive large fines, and face possible imprisonment.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-12/20/07

Source: L

Description: Work on a dangerous intersection in Taylorville is expected to be done come the new year. Construction to make the Lincoln Trail and Route 48 intersection safer started in June. Weather permitting, construction should be done by end of January.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-12/21/07

Source: L

Description: Investigations continued into what caused a fatal plane crash near Springfield. Sangamon county Sheriff Neil Williamson says the four seat plane was headed to Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport when it crashed into a field a few miles southwest of Springfield yesterday afternoon. The victims have been identified as two ministers and a charity volunteer from the Springfield area.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-12/21/07

Source: L

Description: On January 7th Carle Foundation Hospital will be hosting a free Farm Family Emergency Response Class. The class will be held at Charleston High School and registration is required.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-12/21/07

Source: L

Description: Today the Federal Emergency Management Agency awarded nearly \$30,000 to the Neoga Fire Department. The grant allows fire departments and emergency medical service organizations to purchase or receive training, conduct first responder health and safety programs, and buy equipment and response vehicles.

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Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-10/12/07

Source: L

Description: Charleston native, Tilford E. Dudley turns 100.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-10/15/07

Source: L

Description: EIU Homecoming Coordinator Brian Allen hopes to change the ways of the college student this year and pushes for a more traditional homecoming celebration.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-10/22/07

Source: L

Description: EIU's Homecoming on Saturday was watched carefully by several police making sure the crowds behaved themselves. For the most part, police said they had few problems.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-10/22/07

Source: L

Description: EIU is playing to host nearly 500 young singers. The high school and middle school are in Charleston for the third annual youth and harmony festival.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734-10/30/07

Source: L

Description: Former Illinois Jim Edgar makes an appearance on campus. Edgar is speaking as part of a new series to bring new speakers to campus each year.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -11/08/07
Source: L

Description: A fundraiser will be held to help out the family of 24 year-old Suresh Penchala, an Eastern Illinois University graduate student who was involved in a tragic car accident last August in Tennessee. It will take place in the Roberson Auditorium in Lumpkin Hall and will start at 11.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -11/08/07
Source: L

Description: The inauguration of EIU's new president William Perry will take place November 9th at 3:00.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -11/09/07
Source: L

Description: William Perry has been inaugurated as EIU's new president.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -11/29/07
Source: L

Description: Drivers are now able to purchase vanity and personalized Eastern Illinois University specialty license plates. Today Secretary of State Jesse White announced these personalized plates available in letter or letter and number combinations. White was on EIU's campus today and offered a variety of services for the convenience of faculty, staff, and students. Secretary of State services will be offered again at Eastern on January 24th and March 27th.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -12/17/07
Source: L

Description: Eastern Illinois University is just one of several Illinois universities offering online Homeland Security classes. State officials say a certificate in homeland security would be helpful to people in criminal justice, management, and public administration.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -12/19/07
Source: L

Description: Official university holiday schedule is in place for December 24th, 25th, 31st and January 1st. many departments will be closed or operating with limited staff between now and after the new year. Regular office hours resume Wednesday January 2nd.

11. Health

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -10/11/07
Source: L

Description: Lake Decatur is 32 inches below the normal level which may lead to water restrictions.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -10/18/07
Source: L

Description: Health officials talk about "super bug" staph infection and its fatal capabilities since it doesn't react to many antibodies.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -10/22/07
Source: L

Description: The Champaign-Urbana Health District is offering free flu shots for kids between the ages of six and eighteen months.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -10/23/07
Source: L

Description: Decatur city officials gave the okay to a couple of long-term water plans. City Water Administrator John Smith says the Decatur City Council voted last night to buy Lake Tokorozawa and to lower the South water treatment plant intake.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -11/01/07
Source: L

Description: A boil order has been issued by the city of Tuscola for Southland Acres in Tuscola Egyptian Trail Residents and the Tuscola Health Care Center.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-11/02/07
Source: L
Description: The Tuscola boil order has been lifted.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-11/07/07
Source: L
Description: The Macon Health Department is looking to recruit volunteers to expand the Medical Reserve Corps. Emergency Preparedness Manager Shannon Comer says volunteers are needed so the county will be better prepared if an emergency happens.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-11/08/07
Source: L
Description: Federal health officials say there's no need to panic about drug-resistant staph infections that have made recent headlines.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-11/15/07
Source: L
Description: Today marks the 31st anniversary of the Great American Smoke Out, an idea intended to help get millions of smokers across America to quit for 24 hours. With the statewide smoking ban approaching, many ex smokers suggest everyone should quit as soon as possible.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-11/27/07
Source: L
Description: Macon County Health Department and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention want you to be able to fight the flu. In recognition of National Influenza Vaccination Week, the Macon County Health Department will be taking appointments for flu vaccinations all week. People at high risk for the flu are encouraged to receive the vaccine. High risk people include; small children, pregnant women, and people over the age of 50. Those who cannot make it this week can receive the vaccine during regular clinic hours on Wednesday afternoons from 1:30 until 3.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-11/29/07
Source: L
Description: Tonight's health watch. Macon County Health Department urges seniors to check their current plan for prescription drug coverage before the new year. If changes are not made to current Medicare Part D coverage before December 31st you may be locked in until January 2009. However if you are not signed up for Medicare Part D your opportunity to do so will also end December 31st.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-11/30/07
Source: L
Description: With the recent rainfall Decatur residents may be able to look forward to a lift of water conservation measures. If the water levels in Lake Decatur are up to normal by next week the city would consider lifting mandatory water conservation measures. If you have questions contact Decatur's Water Management Office.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-12/06/07
Source: L
Description: For those in need of flu shots but are too busy traveling you may be in luck. Now airports including those in Chicago are offering flu shots on passenger concourses inside the checkpoints for the convenience of their travelers.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-12/07/07
Source: L
Description: A local health department is offering free prostate exams. The Crawford County Health Department is offering the service for men 50 and older. The screenings take place Tuesday December 11th beginning at 5:30.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-12/20/07
Source: L
Description: Community Blood Services of Illinois says they have an urgent need for blood. To help meet the need for blood there will be two blood drives in the next couple of weeks. The first will be at St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital in Effingham and the next will be at Wal-Mart in Mattoon.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-12/21/07
Source: L
Description: New hours will begin in the new year for the Macon County Immunization Clinic. Beginning January 1st, the clinic will have walk-in hours every Wednesday afternoon from one until 3:30/

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -12/21/07

Source: L

Description: The Illinois smoking ban takes effect once we ring in the new year and the Illinois Department of Public health is reminding all public places to post no smoking signs. A temporary sign can be downloaded from the website on your screen for placement by January 1st.

12. Consumer

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -10/09/07

Source: L

Description: City of Decatur asks residents to restrict water use due to lack of rain.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -10/15/07

Source: L

Description: Lowering levels of water in Lake Decatur causing concerns.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -10/16/07

Source: L

Description: With lowering levels in Lake Decatur, city officials voted to pump water from Lake Tokorozawa southeast of the city.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -10/16/07

Source: L

Description: Village of Mount Zion also undergoing mandatory water conservation measures and regulations.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -10/17/07

Source: L

Description: Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan set up a hot line for consumers looking to keep track of the latest product recalls.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -10/19/07

Source: L

Description: Mesa Airlines at Decatur Airport will discontinue flights to Chicago-Midway as of November 9th due to low passenger rates.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -10/25/07

Source: L

Description: The Rosebud Theatre in Effingham is getting ready for its Grand Opening. 5:00 on November 9th.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -11/06/07

Source: L

Description: Triple-A says the national average of gas prices have climbed almost 25 cents in the last three weeks. Crude oil costs are up 39 percent since August, close to 96 dollars a barrel.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -11/06/07

Source: L

Description: The United States Postal Service has set the first deadline to ship holiday packages to troops overseas as November 13th.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -11/06/07

Source: L

Description: The McClure Funeral Home in Taylorville now has the equipment needed to complete its new crematorium facility.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -11/06/07

Source: L

Description: Flights are once again being offered from Decatur to St. Louis at the Decatur Airport. The reason flights were grounded nine months ago was due to maintenance issues.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-11/08/07
Source: L
Description: Decatur is still under an emergency water situation and residents are still urged to only use water when needed.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-11/09/07
Source: L
Description: Raggedy Andy was inducted into the Toy Hall of Fame museum in Arcola, seven years after his sister Raggedy Ann.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-11/12/07
Source: L
Description: Allegiant Air is discontinuing its Las Vegas service from Springfield, Champaign and Marion. High fuel costs sparked the decision to cut the flights.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-11/26/07
Source: L
Description: Trying to find the perfect gift is always a challenge when the holidays roll around and most people say a gift card is the way to go but these people often overlook the fine print on the back of the card. Illinois lawmakers are requiring that all gift cards show an expiration date that is viable. The new law starts January 1st and will require all gift cards to clearly display any terms and conditions, including fees and expiration dates. If the card does not have the expiration date, it must include a toll-free number consumers can call to get the information.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-11/27/07
Source: L
Description: Time is running out for those who want to send presents via mail to those serving overseas. The U.S. Postal Service says the last recommended day for mail going to Iraq or Afghanistan is December 4th. For mail to all other international military installations is December 19th.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-11/27/07
Source: L
Description: The City of Decatur is offering free parking in parts of downtown Decatur until January 1st. People using downtown metered-spaces can do so without paying a fee during this time, however parking time limits will still be enforced.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-11/27/07
Source: L
Description: Illinois officials are urging people to do their homework before donating their money and/or time to military charities. Look for charities that can tell you what your money is going for, never give cash or checks to people at your door and if you are writing a check know the name of the organization, finally research the organization. Every legitimate group should have a website.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-12/04/07
Source: L
Description: Workers at Lincoln Log Cabin historic site invite you to travel back in time to celebrate with the Lincoln and Sargent families. Tours will allow visitors to see how the two families may have celebrated Christmas in the early 1800's. Local musicians will perform in the visitor's center during the tours. The site will feature Christmas candlelight tours Friday and Saturday from 5 until 8. The event is free and open to the public.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734-12/18/07
Source: L
Description: The U.S. Postal Service says the last recommended day to send packages to all military installations outside of Iraq or Afghanistan is tomorrow. To make sure the packages reach troops by the holiday they must be sent express mail.